VIENNA GAME 5...BE7
FRANKENSTEIN - DRACULA
75 MASTER REFERENCE GAMES

Chess Notes 2025

1 **C27**
□ **Stockfish161Pro** **3035**
■ **Arasanx** **3025**
Blitz 24.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C27: Vienna Game: 2... Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6N
[7...Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5* S-S Solution (2380)-9. ♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5_70 (2415) Biel 1983 *)* 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]
[7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3 Slav Defence-4.e3 g6]
8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qd1 0-0 10.0-0 Bf6 11.d3 Re8 12.Bf4 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Re1 Qd7 15.Qd2 Rae8 16.Kf1 Nb5 17.Rxe6 Rxe6 18.Re1 Nxc3 19.bxc3 c5 With the idea ...Ra6. **20.Bh6**

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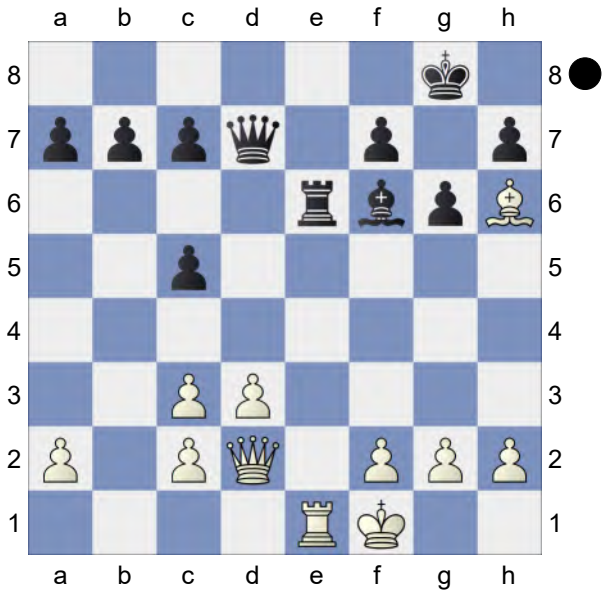

c4! 21.dxc4
[21.Rxe6 Qxe6]
21...Qxd2
[21...Qa4 is interesting. 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.g3 Qxc4+ 24.Kg1 Qxc3 25.Qd7 Qe1+]
22.Bxd2 Rxe1+! 23.Kxe1= Endgame KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **23...Kf8 24.Ke2 c5 25.Be3 Be7 26.Kf3 f5 27.g4 fxg4+ 28.Kxg4 Kf7 29.Kf3 Kf6 30.Ke4 Ke6 31.h3 Bd6 32.f3 Be7 33.Bf4 b6 34.Bc7 Bd6 35.Bd8 Bb8 36.Bh4 Be5 37.Be1 Bc7 38.Bh4 Bd6 39.a4 Bb8 40.Bd8 Be5 41.Bg5 Bc7 42.Bh4 Bd6 43.Bd8 Bb8 44.Bh4 Bd6 45.Bg5 Be5 46.Be3 Bg3 47.Bh6 Be5 48.Bf8 Bd6 49.Bh6 Bh2 50.f4 Bg3 51.Bg7 Bh4 52.Be5 Be7 53.Bb8 Bd6 54.Bxa7 Bc7** and ...Kd6 should not be overlooked **55.a5!**

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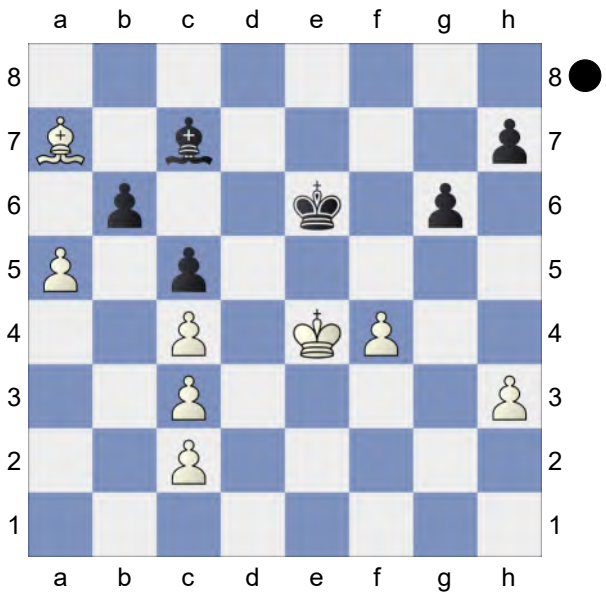

Deflection **55...bxa5 56.Bxc5 Bd6 57.Bxd6 Kxd6** KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **58.Kd4 Kc6 59.c5! a4 60.Kc4 a3! 61.Kb3 Kxc5 62.Kxa3** and Kb3 should not be overlooked **62...Kc4 63.Kb2 h6! 64.h4 h5 65.Kc1 Kxc3 66.f5** The position is equal. **66...gxf5 67.Kd1 Kb4 68.Kc1 Kc3 69.Kd1 Kb4 70.Kc1** A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
70...Kc3
½-½

2 **C27**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2714**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2707**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool D blitz (11.2)
[Kitty Kat]

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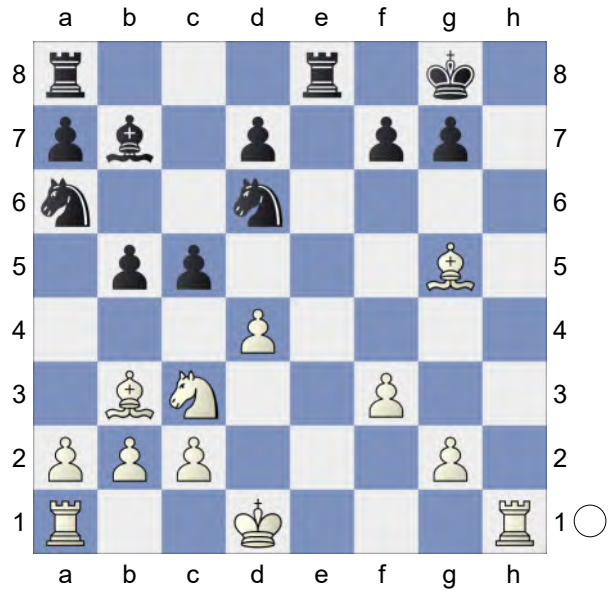
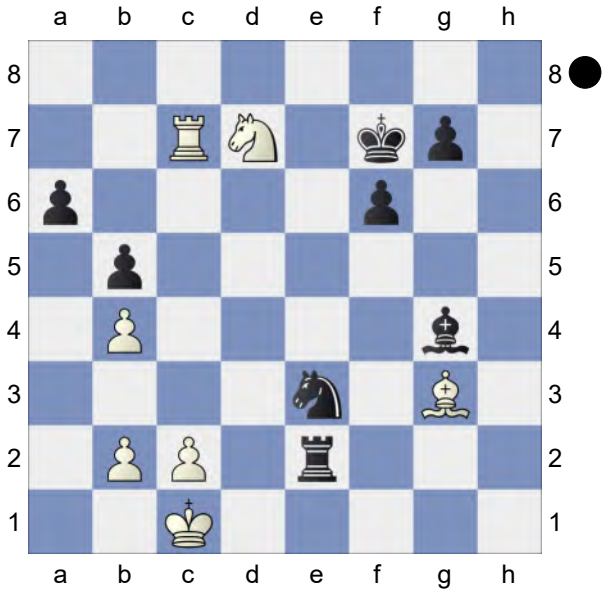
[7...Nc6= -0.02/21 is superior. 8.Qf4 Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
8.Qf4!± Re8+N White has an edge.
[8...Ne8 9.d4 c6 10.d5 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Rd1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qf6 14.Qc4 Nxb3 15.axb3 Nc7 16.Bg5 Qg6 17.d6 Nd5 18.Qd4 b6 19.Qd2 Nf6 20.Ne5 Qf5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Re1 Qf5 23.Ra4 1-0 (30) Cornette,M (2527)-Olsen,F (2468) Wood Green Inv 2025 (2.4)]
9.Kd1 Active counter play!
[9.Kf1 simplifies b6 10.Nd5 Bb7 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Qxf6 gxf6 13.d3]
9...Na6 10.d4 Inhibits Nc5. **10...b5 11.h4 Bb7 12.Ng5** -0.72/19
[12.Re1= 0.09/20 keeps the balance.]

12...h6 13.f3 -1.88/21 **Bxg5?** 1.16/21
[13...hxg5 14.hxg5 Bxg5 *(14...Be7 15.Qh2 Bxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bxg5 17.Qh8#)* 15.Qxg5 Qxg5 16.Bxg5±]
[13...Qe7-+ -1.88/21 and ...c5! should not be overlooked 14.Bd2 b4 *(14...hxg5 15.hxg5 Bxg5 16.Qh2±)*]
14.hxg5± Qxg5 15.Qxg5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 c5



17.dxc5 0.01/24
[White should play 17.Bf4!± 1.41/24 cxd4 18.Bxd6 dxc3 19.bxc3]
17...Nxc5=
[17...Nf5 seems wilder. 18.Nxb5 Re5 19.Bf4 Rxc5 20.Nc3 Ra5]
18.Bf4 Nxb3 19.axb3 Re6 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Kd2 a6 21.Ne2 Nf5 22.Rh5** -1.37/27
[22.Raf1= -0.15/23]
22...Rae8!∓ 23.Nc1 -1.60/24
[⌓23.Ng1 -1.23/24 g6 24.Rg5]
23...Ne7? -0.01/23
[23...g6∓ -1.60/24 24.Rg5 Re1]
24.b4? -1.63/22
[24.Nd3= -0.01/23 and White is okay.]
24...Nd5-+ 25.Bg3 Ne3 26.Nd3? -3.29/24
[26.Nb3 -1.75/25 Nc4+ *(26...Nxg2 27.Nd4∓)* 27.Kc3]
26...Nxg2 27.Rah1 -4.54/24
[27.Ne5 -3.00/21 is a better defense. f6 *(27...d6? 28.Rah1-+)* 28.Rh2]
27...f6
[27...Bxf3 28.Rh8#]
28.Nc5 -5.16/24
[⌓28.Rh8+ -3.42/23 Kf7 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Rf1]
28...Re2+
[28...Bxf3 29.Rh8+ Kf7 30.Nxe6 Rxe6 31.Rd8=]
29.Kc1 Bxf3 30.Rh8+ Kf7 31.Rxe8 Kxe8 32.Rh8+ Kf7 33.Nxd7 Ne3 34.Rc8 Bg4 35.Rc7

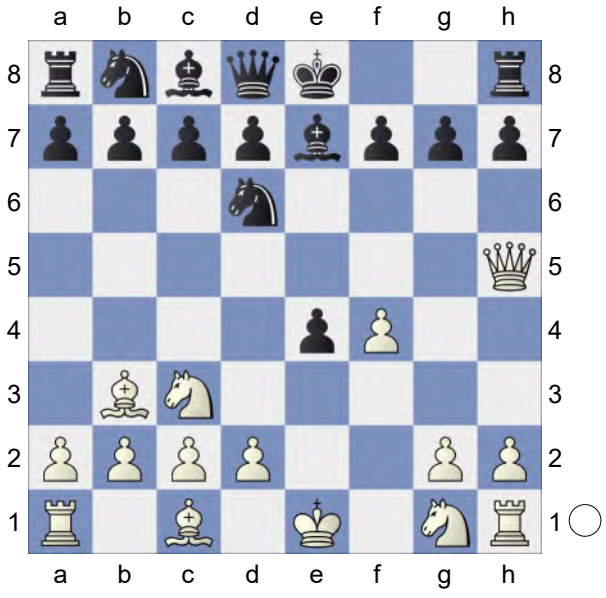


Rxc2+? -0.62/22 **36.Rxc2∓ Nxc2**
[36...Bxd7?! 37.Rc7 Ke6 38.Ra7±]
37.Nxf6 Nxb4 0.15/21
[37...Kxf6? 38.Kxc2 Ke6 39.Kd3∓]
[37...Bf5∓ -0.56/29 38.Nd5 Be4]
38.Nxg4= Ke6 39.Kd2 Kd5 40.Kc3 Nc6 41.Ne3+ Kc5 0.63/29
[41...Ke4= 0.01/26 42.Nf1 g6]
42.Nf5 b4+? 2.17/26
[42...g5= 0.29/26 and Black stays safe.]
43.Kd3? 0.41/27

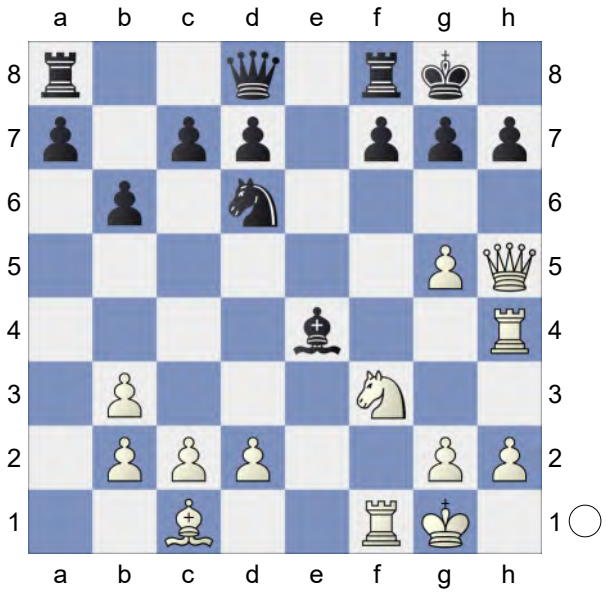
[White must play 43.Kb3+- 2.17/26]
43...g6 0.92/26
[Black should play 43...g5!± 0.41/27 44.Bf2+ Kb5]
44.Nh4 0.14/26
[44.Bf2+± 0.92/26 Kd5 45.Ne3+ Kc5 46.Nc4+ Kb5 47.b3]
44...a5 45.Nxg6 Strongly threatening Ne5. **45...a4 46.Bf2+ Kb5 47.Kc2 Kc4! 48.Nf4 Na5 49.Ng2 Nb3 50.Ne3+ Kb5 51.Be1 Nd4+ 52.Kd3 Nb3 53.Nc2 Nc1+ 54.Kd2**
[54.Ke3!? a3□ 55.bxa3± *(55.Nxb4? perishes. axb2 56.Nd5 Na2-+; 55.Nd4+ Kc4=)*]
54...Nb3+ 55.Ke3 a3 56.bxa3 bxa3 57.Nxa3+ Kc5 58.Kd3 Kd5 59.Nb5 Nc5+ 60.Ke3 Kc4 61.Nd6+ Kd5 62.Nf5 Ne6 63.Ne7+ Ke5 64.Bc3+ Kd6 65.Ng6 Kd5 66.Bb2 Nc5 67.Nf4+ Kc4 68.Bf6 Nd7 69.Be7 Ne5 70.Ke4 Nc6 71.Bd6 Nb4 72.Ng6 Nc6 73.Bf8 Kc3 74.Kd5 Nb4+ 75.Ke5 Kc4 76.Ne7 Nd3+ 77.Kd6 Kd4 78.Nd5 Ke4 79.Bg7 Nf4 80.Nxf4 0.85/31
[80.Nc3+= 0.14/22 Kd3 81.Nb5]
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.46
80...Kxf4
½-½

3 **C27**
□ **Secret Mikalsen** **2908**
■ **Quiet Sunset** **2614**
Blitz 08.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.f4 -0.67/19
[6.Qxe5= -0.03/21 0-0 7.Qf4]
[6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]
6...e4N 0.17/18
[6...exf4 7.Nf3=]
[6...g6∓ -0.67/19 7.Qe2
A) 7...e4 8.d3 exd3 9.Qxd3 0-0 10.h4 Na6 *(10...c5 11.Bd5 Nc6 12.h5 Nb4 13.Qh3 g5 14.fxg5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxg5 16.Nf3 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Re8+ 18.Kf1 Kh8 19.h6 Re4 20.Re1 Qg8 21.Qh2 Qg6 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe7 b6 25.Nf4* ½-½ (27) Christiansen,J (2618)-Carlsen,M (2847) New In Chess Classic 2021 (8) *Ba6+ 26.Kg1 Qe8 27.Qg7#* 1-0 Christiansen,J (2620)-Holm,K (2450) Paleochora op 14th 2021 (4.1) *)* 11.h5 Nc5 12.Qh3 g5 13.fxg5 Nde4 23) Vienna 3.Bc4-Vienna 3.Bc4 with 4.Qh5 Nd6 5 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's 1.e4 e5;
B) 7...exf4]



7.Nxe4!= Deflection **7...0-0**
[7...g6 8.Nxd6+]
8.Ng5 The position is equal. **8...Bxg5 9.fxg5**
[9.Qxg5 simplifies a5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.d3]
9...Nc6 10.Nf3 -0.77/20
[10.Ne2= 0.14/21]
10...Na5? 0.87/23
[10...a5∓ -0.77/20 aiming for ...a4. 11.c3 Re8+ 12.Kd1 a4]
11.0-0 0.43/21
[11.g6± 0.87/23 Re8+ 12.Kd1 hxg6 13.Qxa5]
11...Nxb3± **12.axb3 b6** Black is weak on the dark squares **13.Ra4** White is more active. **13...Bb7** 2.03/22
[13...Nf5± 0.80/21 might work better.]
14.Rh4+- Be4 3.84/24
[14...h6 2.02/23]



15.Ne5! and d3 should not be overlooked **15...Qe7 16.d3** 2.42/24
[⌓16.g6 4.94/24 h6 17.gxf7+ Nxf7 18.Rxe4]
16...Qxe5 17.dxe4→ White wants a kill.
17...h6 18.Bf4? -0.01/22
[18.gxh6+- 2.51/22 Qxh5 19.Rxh5]
18...Qxe4 5.53/24
[18...Qxb2? loses. 19.gxh6+-]
[18...Qc5+= -0.01/22 19.Kh1 Nxe4 20.gxh6 Nf2+ *(20...Qxc2? 21.hxg7 Nf2+ 22.Kg1+-)* 21.Rxf2 Qxf2]
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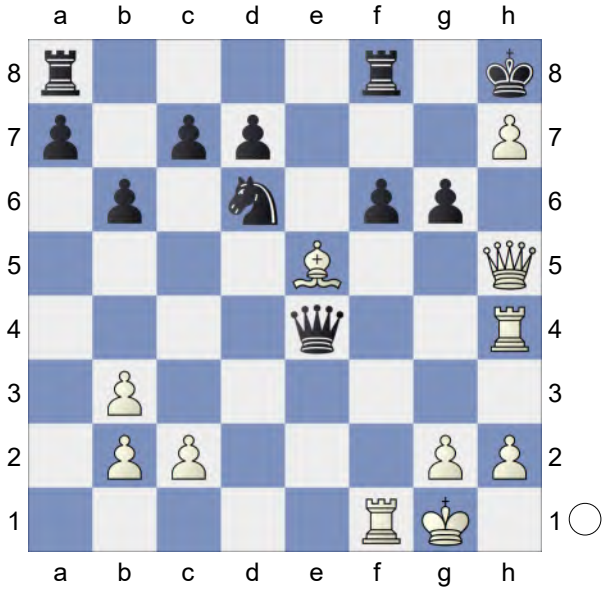
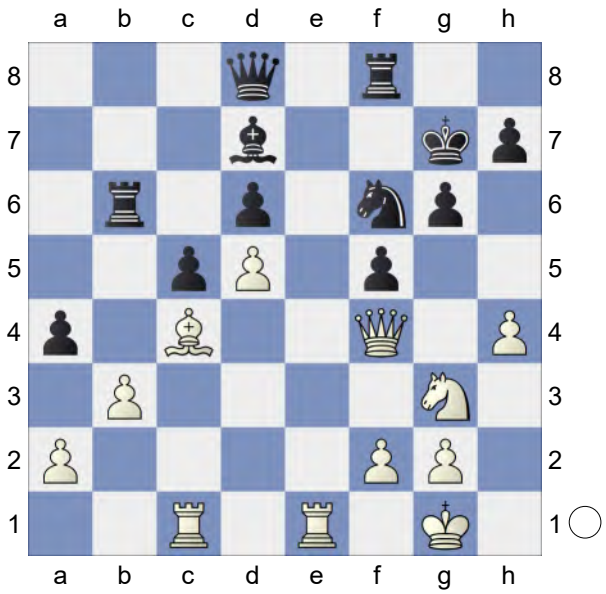


22.Rxf6! Double Attack **22...gxh5**
23.Rxf8+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) **23...Kxh7 24.Rxe4** White is clearly winning. **24...Rxf8 25.Bxd6 cxd6** Endgame KR-KR **26.Re7+ Kg6 27.Rxd7 Rc8 28.c3**
[28.Rxa7 Rxc2 29.Ra6 Kf5±]
28...b5 7.25/22
[⌓28...Rc6 4.99/23 29.Rxa7 Rc5]
29.Rxd6+ Kg7 30.Rd5 b4 31.c4 Re8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.76
32.Rxh5
1-0

4 **C27**
□ **Scareccrow06PI** **2731**
■ **Khatanbaatargm** **2682**
Blitz 18.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5
[7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3 Slav Defence-4.e3 g6]
8.Qxe5 0-0 9.0-0N
[9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5* S-S Solution (2380)-9.♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5_70 (2415) Biel 1983 *)* 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]
9...Bf6 10.Qf4 Bg5 The position is equal. **11.Qg3** -0.40/20
[White should try 11.Qf3= 0.28/23]
11...Bh4 0.42/21
[11...Nf5∓ -0.40/20 12.Qd3 d6]
12.Qf4 -0.01/20
[12.Qf3± 0.42/21]
12...Bg5!= 13.Qf3 c6 14.d4! Bxc1 15.Raxc1 Ne8 16.d5 White has more active pieces. **16...c5 17.Rfe1** 0.43/20
[17.d6!± 0.95/20]
17...d6± 18.Ne4 b5 ...c4 would now be deadly. **19.c4 a6 20.Bc2 f5 21.Ng3 g6** 0.86/20
[21...Ra7± 0.49/21]
22.Qf4 0.16/21
[22.b4!± 0.86/20]
22...bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rb8 24.b3 Rb4 0.37/20
[24...Nc7= -0.07/19]
25.Qe2 -0.36/22
[25.Qc3± 0.37/20]
25...Nf6 26.Bd3 a5 27.Bc4 Bd7 0.52/20
[27...Ng4= 0.07/19 is more appropriate.]
28.Qd2 0.13/20
[28.h3± 0.52/20]
28...Kg7 0.80/20
[28...Ng4!= 0.13/20]
29.Qf4 Rb6 30.h4 -0.39/19
[30.h3± 0.73/20]
30...a4 0.78/22
[30...Ng4∓ -0.39/19 keeps the upper hand.]



31.h5 0.07/23 **axb3** 0.54/26
[31...Ng4!= 0.07/23]
32.axb3
[32.Bxb3?! Ng4∓]
32...Nxh5 33.Nxh5+ gxh5 34.Ra1 Qf6 35.Ra7 Rf7 36.Re3 h4 Wards off Rg3+
37.Rh3 Rb8 1.76/25
[Better is 37...h6± 0.31/22]
38.Rxh4 0.51/23
[38.Ra6+- 1.76/25]

38...Re8! 39.Rh3↑ White has good play.
39...Re1+ 0.79/23
[39...Re4± 0.43/25 40.Rg3+ Kf8 41.Ra8+ Be8]
40.Kh2± Threatens to win with Ra6.
40...Qe5? 9.64/25
[40...Be8± 0.93/20 41.Ra8 Rb7]
41.Rg3++- Kf8 42.Qh6+ Ke7 43.Bb5 Kd8 44.Qg5+ 32.83/30
[⌓44.Qh4+ #20/31 Re7 45.Rxd7+ Kc8 46.Qa4 Rxd7 47.Qa8+ Zwischenzug Kc7 48.Qa7+ Kc8 49.Qxd7+ Kb8 50.Qd8+ *(50.Qxh7 Ra1+-; 50.Bc6 Qxg3+ 51.fxg3 Re7 52.Qxe7 Kc8 53.Qd7+ Kb8 54.Qb7#)* 50...Kb7 51.Bc6+ Ka6 52.Qa8+ Kb6 53.Qb7+ Ka5 54.Qb5#]
44...Kc8 45.Qg8+ Qe8 46.Ra8+ Kc7 47.Rxe8 Bxe8 48.Bxe8 Rfe7 49.Bf7 14.90/20
[⌓49.Bc6 #18/21 h5 50.Qa8 Kb6 51.Qb8+ Ka6 52.Qb5+ *(52.Qxd6 c4 53.bxc4 R1e3 54.Bd7+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kb7 55.Qc6+ Kb8 56.Qb6+ Ka8 57.Bc6+ Rb7 58.Qxb7#)* 52...Ka7 53.Qa5+ Kb8 54.Qa8+ Kc7]
49...f4 50.Rf3 Rb1 51.Be6 Re1 52.Rxf4 Kb6 53.Qd8+ Rc7 54.Qxd6+ 35.24/5
[⌓54.Qb8+ #4/10 Rb7 55.Qxd6+ Kb5 56.Qc6+ Ka5 57.Ra4#]
54...Kb7 55.Ra4 White wants to mate with Qa6+. **55...Rb1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=1.04
56.Qa6+ Loss on time!?
1-0

5 **C27**
□ **Spiderchess3** **2667**
■ **Johnbrondthojlund** **2892**
Blitz 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.f4 -0.72/19
[6.Qxe5= -0.10/22 0-0 7.Nf3]
[6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]
6...g6∓
[6...exf4 7.d4=]
7.Qh3N -0.85/20
[7.Qd1∓ -0.47/21]
[7.Qe2 e4 8.d3 exd3 9.Qxd3 0-0 10.h4 Na6 *(10...c5 11.Bd5 Nc6 12.h5 Nb4 13.Qh3 g5 14.fxg5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxg5 16.Nf3 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Re8+ 18.Kf1 Kh8 19.h6 Re4 20.Re1 Qg8 21.Qh2 Qg6 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe7 b6 25.Nf4* ½-½ (27) Christiansen,J (2618)-Carlsen,M (2847) New In Chess Classic 2021 (8) *Ba6+ 26.Kg1 Qe8 27.Qg7#* 1-0 Christiansen,J (2620)-Holm,K (2450) Paleochora op 14th 2021 (4.1)*)* 11.h5 Nc5 12.Qh3 g5 13.fxg5 Nde4 23) Vienna 3.Bc4-Vienna 3.Bc4 with 4.Qh5 Nd6 5 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's 1.e4 e5]
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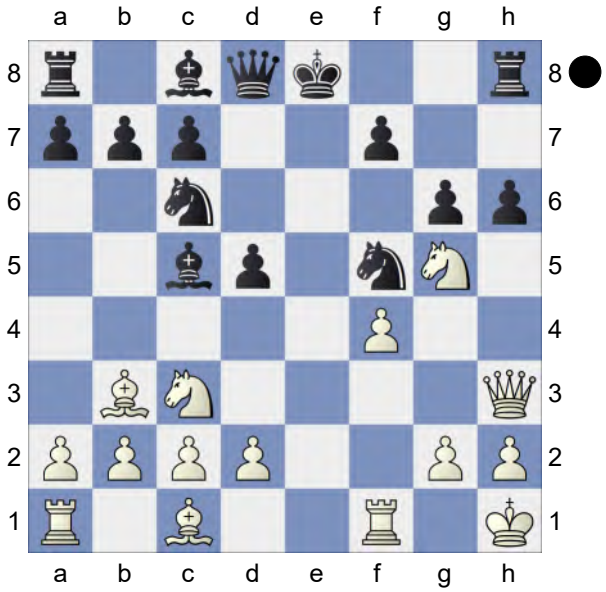
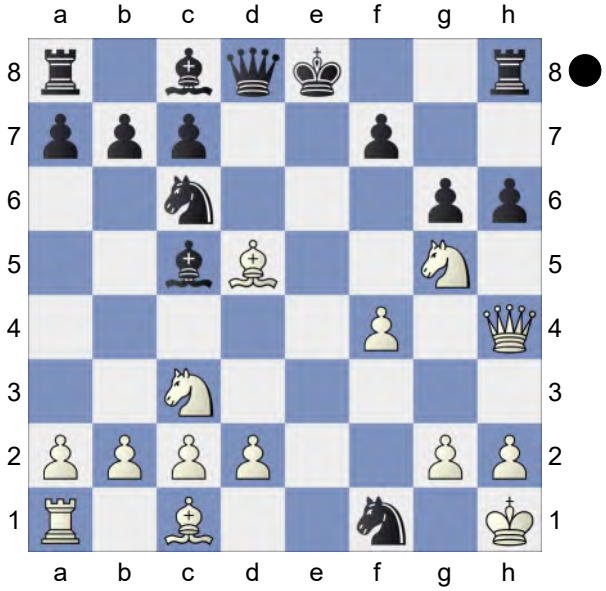
[7...Nf5∓ -0.85/20 8.Nf3 Nc6]
8.Nge2 Black has an edge.
[8.d3 is more complex. a5 9.f5 a4 10.fxg6 Bh4+ 11.g3]
8...Nc6 -0.14/19

[8...Nf5∓ -0.53/18]
9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nxe4 -1.08/20
[10.g4= 0.04/20 Nfd4 11.Bd5]
10...d5↑ Black is really pushing. **11.Ng5** -2.67/20 **h6** -1.12/18
[11...f6-+ -2.67/20 12.Qd3 fxg5 13.fxg5 Rf8 *(13...Bxg5? 14.Nc3-+)*]
12.Nc3? -3.87/20
[12.g4∓ -1.12/18]
12...Bc5+-+ 13.Kh1

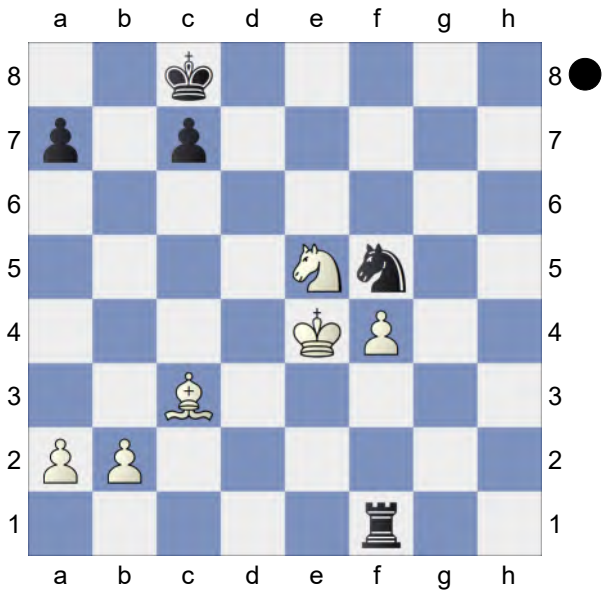


Ne3 Discovered Attack **14.Qh4**
[14.dxe3 Bxh3]
14...Nxf1 15.Bxd5



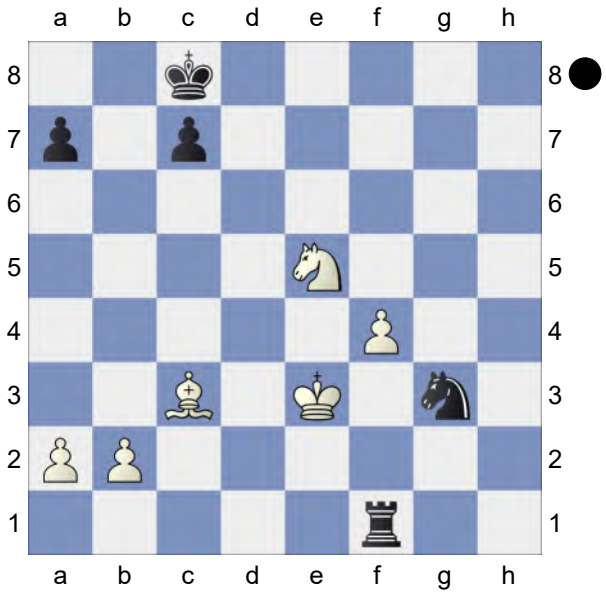
Be6! 16.Bxe6
[16.Be4 Qf6]
16...fxe6
[16...hxg5 17.Qxh8+ Ke7 18.Qxd8+ Rxd8 19.Ne4 *(19.Bc4? Ng3+ 20.hxg3 Rh8#)* 19...fxe6 *(19...gxf4 20.Bh3±)* 20.Nxc5=]
17.Qh3 Qd7
[17...Nxd2 18.Qxe6+ *(18.Nxe6 Ne4=)* 18...Qe7 19.Qxg6+ Kd8 *(19...Kd7? 20.Qf5+ Ke8 21.Bxd2+-)* 20.Ne6+ *(20.Bxd2 hxg5 21.Re1 Qf8-+)* 20...Kd7 21.Nxc5+ Qxc5 22.Qg4+ *(22.Bxd2 Ne7±)* 22...Kd8 23.Bxd2±]
18.Nxe6 Nd4 19.Nxc5 -5.00/25
[19.Nd5 -2.28/22 Rf8 *(19...Nxe6? 20.Nf6+ Ke7 21.Nxd7+-; 19...Kf7 20.Ng5+* Discovered Attack *Kf8 21.Qxd7=)* 20.Nexc7+ *(20.Nxc5? Qxd5 21.b4 Nxc2-+; 20.Ndxc7+? Ke7-+)* 20...Kd8 21.Qc3]
19...Qxh3 20.gxh3 Nxc2 21.Rb1 0-0-0 22.N3e4 -7.15/23
[⌓22.N5e4 -4.68/22 Rhf8 23.b3]
22...Rhe8 23.Kg2 b6 24.Kxf1 bxc5 25.Nxc5 Re1+ 26.Kf2 Rxd2+ 27.Bxd2 Rxb1 Endgame KRN-KBN **28.Nd3 Nd4 29.Bc3 Nf5 30.Ne5 Rc1 31.Nxg6 Rc2+ 32.Kf3 Rxh2 33.Kg4 Ne3+ 34.Kg3?** -6.32/22
[34.Kh4 -3.77/22 c5 35.Ne5]
34...Nf1+? -1.49/24
[34...Rg2+-+ -6.32/22 35.Kf3 Rxg6 36.Kxe3 Rg3+ 37.Ke4 Rxh3]
35.Kg4 -2.10/22
[35.Kh4∓ -1.49/24]
35...Rg2+
[35...Ne3+ 36.Kh4∓]
36.Kh5 Ng3+ 37.Kxh6 Nf5+ -0.70/24
[37...Kd7-+ -2.05/24 38.a4 Nf5+ 39.Kh5 Nd6]
38.Kh7? -2.50/24

[38.Kh5!∓ -0.70/24]
38...Rh2? -0.70/24
[38...Kd7-+ -2.50/24 aiming for ...Rh2. 39.h4 Ke6]
39.Ne5∓ Rxh3+ 40.Kg6 Nd6 41.Kg5 -1.96/21
[41.f5∓ -0.87/22]
41...Ne4+-+ 42.Kg4? -4.23/25
[42.Kg6 -1.85/24 was forced.]
42...Rg3+ 43.Kh4 Re3? -1.51/24
[43...Rg2-+ -4.02/23 44.f5 Re2]
44.Bd4∓ Re2 45.Kg4 Nd6 46.Kf3 Re1 -0.10/21
[46...Rd2-+ -1.69/22 47.Ke3 Rc2]
47.Bc3 -2.10/22
[47.Bxa7= -0.10/21 and White is okay. Rf1+ 48.Bf2]
47...Rf1+ 48.Ke3 Nf5+ 49.Ke4



Ng3+ 50.Ke3

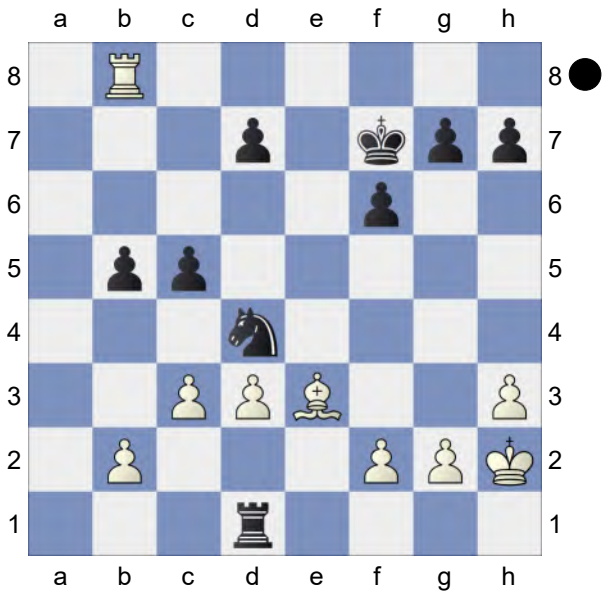
(Diagram)



Kb7! Against Nc6 **51.Nd3 Nf5+** -1.01/22
[51...Kc6-+ -1.61/20 52.Be5 Nf5+ 53.Ke2 Ra1]
52.Ke4 Nd6+ 53.Ke3 -1.97/23
[53.Ke5∓ -1.07/23]
53...Nc4+ -0.97/24
[53...Kc6-+ -1.97/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 54.Be1 Kd7]
54.Kd4 Nd6 0.01/20 Black is more active.
[Better is 54...Nb6∓ -1.04/24 55.b3 Nc8]
55.Nc5+? -2.48/24
[55.Ke3!= 0.01/20]
55...Kc6-+ 56.Ne6? -4.53/26
[56.Nd3 -2.17/26 is a better defense.]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=0.70
56...Nb5+
0-1

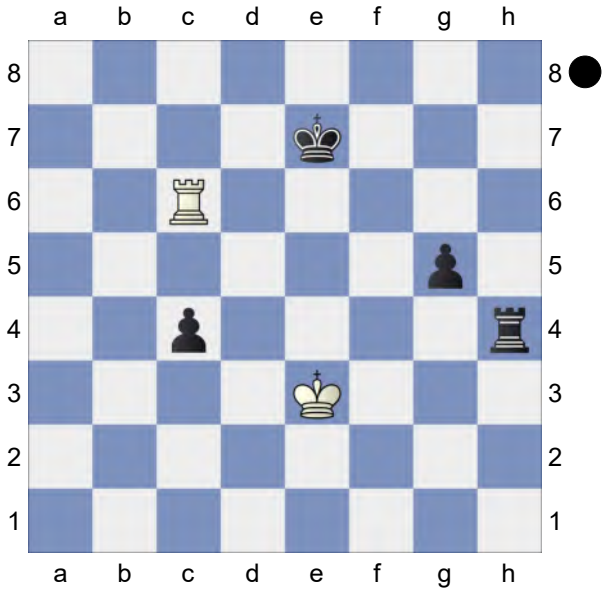
6 **C27**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2698**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
10th Gashimov Mem Rapid (7.3) 27.9.24
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2... Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5** The position is equal. **9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Bb7N**
[11...Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 a6 21.Rae1 d6 22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Ng3 Rae8 26.Nf5 6 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qe6 29.Bc3 Bc8 30.g4 h5 31.Kf2 Bd7 32.b4 Be8 33.Bd4 Bg6 34.c4 c5 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Bc3 b5 37.b3 b4 38.Bb2 a5 39.d4 cxd4 40.Nxd4 Bc5 41.gxh5 Shirov,A (2736)-Radjabov,T (2656) Linares 21st 2004 (6) 1-0 Bxh5 42.Kg2 Qe8 43.Qf5 Qg6+ 44.Qxg6 Bxg6 45.Nc6 a4 46.bxa4 Be8 47.Nd4 Bxa4 48.f4 Bd1 49.Kf2 Bb3 50.Kf3 Bxc4 51.f5 Bd5+ Forcen Esteban,D (2569)-Rakhmanov,A (2629) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2018 (5.4) 0-1]
12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Dodges Qe7-e4 **13...Qd8 14.d3 Re8 15.Bd2 Re6 16.Bc3** Wards off Re6-f6 **16...f6 17.Re3 Qf8 18.b4 Nb5 19.Bd2 Qd6 20.Qg4** Threatens to win with c2-c4. **20...Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Rae8 22.Qh5 Nd4 23.Qd1 Nc6 24.b5 Nd4 25.Rxa7 Nxb5 26.Ra4 Nd4 27.h3 c5 28.Ra6 Qb8 29.c3 Qb7** ...Re6xe3 is the strong threat. **30.Qa4 b5 31.Qa2 Qxa6 32.Qxa6 Rxa6 33.Rxe8+=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Kf7 34.Rb8 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Rd1 36.Be3**



Deflection **36...Ne6 37.Rxb5 Rxd3 38.c4 d6 39.g4 g5 40.Kg2 Nd4 41.Rb7+ Kg6 42.Bxd4 Rxd4** KR-KR **43.b3 h5 44.f3 Rd2+ 45.Kg1** -1.23/22
[45.Kf1= -0.18/27 was the only way to keep the balance.]
45...f5∓ White must now prevent ... h5xg4. **46.b4 hxg4 47.hxg4** -2.71/29 **fxg4-+ 48.fxg4 Rd4 49.Kf2 Kf6** 0.00/38
[49...Rxg4∓ -1.32/25 50.Rb6 Kf7 *(50...Rxc4 51.bxc5 Rxc5 52.Rxd6+ Kh5 53.Rd4=)* 51.Rxd6 cxb4 *(51...Rxc4 52.bxc5 Rxc5 53.Ke2=)*]
50.bxc5= dxc5 51.Kf3 Rf4+ 52.Kg3 Rxc4 53.Rc7 Rc1 54.Kf2? -5.43/26 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[54.Kf3= -0.01/28 and White has nothing to worry.]
54...Rc4? -0.03/25
[54...Ke5-+ -5.43/26 55.Rf7 Kd4]
55.Ke3? -6.74/28
[55.Kf3= -0.03/25]
55...Ke5!-+ Black is clearly winning.

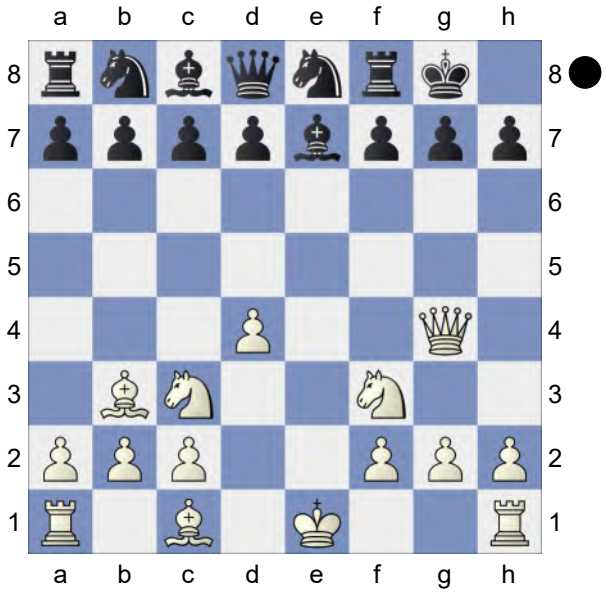
56.Rc8 Rc3+ 57.Kd2 Rc4 58.Ke3 Kd6
[Weaker is 58...Rxg4 59.Rxc5+ Kf6 *(59...Kd6 60.Rc2=; 59...Ke6 60.Kd2=)* 60.Ra5=]
59.Rd8+ Kc6 60.Rc8+ Kd7 61.Rg8 Rxg4 62.Rg6 Ke7 63.Kf3 Kf7 64.Rc6 Rf4+ 65.Ke3 c4 66.Ke2 Kg7 67.Ke3 Rh4 68.Kf3 Rd4 69.Ke3 Rf4 70.Ke2 Kf7 71.Ke3 Rh4 72.Kf3 Ke7 73.Ke3



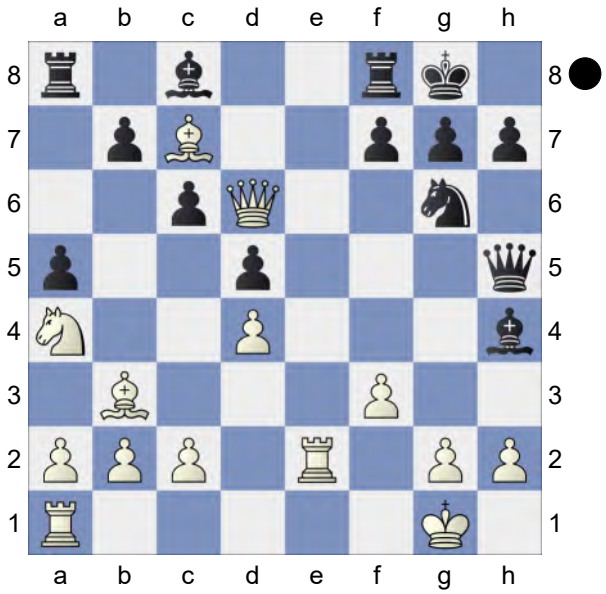
c3! aiming for ...Rh4-h2. **74.Ke2**
[74.Kd3 Rh3+]
74...Rh2+ 75.Kf3 Kd7 76.Rc4 Rh4 77.Rc5 Kd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0. 37/Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

7 **C27**
☐ **Phalanx Xxv** **2504**
■ **Arasanx** **3021**
Rapid 23.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Qf4N
[7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 0-1 (30) Costantini,M (1816)-Mauro,L (2090) OS022 corr 1996]
[7.d4 Nc6 *(7...Re8 8.Nge2 Bf6 9.Qf4 Nc6 10.Be3 g6 11.g4 g5 12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Ng3 Rf8 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Qf5 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Nef6 Rh8 22.Nh5+* 1-0 (23) Bolland,W-MacMahon,P BCM tourney prel-04 1908 *Kh6 23.Qxf7* 1-0 Bollengier,A (2233)-Navrotescu,A (2297) FRA-ch (Women) 2016 (2)*)* 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 1-0 (41) Firouzja,A (2728)-Aronian,L (2773) Online Nations Cup Prelim 2020 (10.3)]
7...Bg5 8.Qg4 Ne8 The position is equal. **9.Nf3 Be7 10.d4**

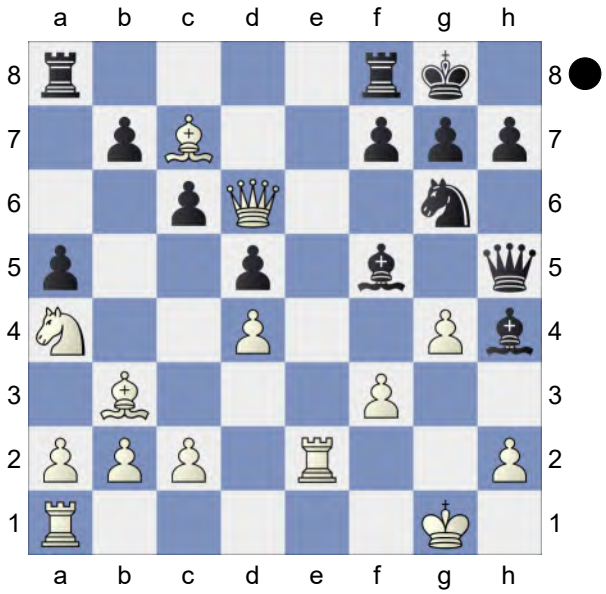


d5! 11.Qg3
[11.Qf4 c6]
11...c6 12.0-0 Nd6 13.Ne5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Nf5 15.Qd3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 a5 17.Rfe1 Nh4 18.Qg3 Ng6 19.Bc7 Qd7 20.Na4 Bh4 21.Qd6 Black must now prevent Qxd7. **21...Qf5↑** Black is really pushing. Now White is beyond hope. **22.Re2** -2.24/21
[22.g3∓ -0.71/20 Bg5 23.c3]
22...Qh5-+ 23.f3 -2.99/21
[23.Rae1 -2.01/20 Bg4 24.Re3]

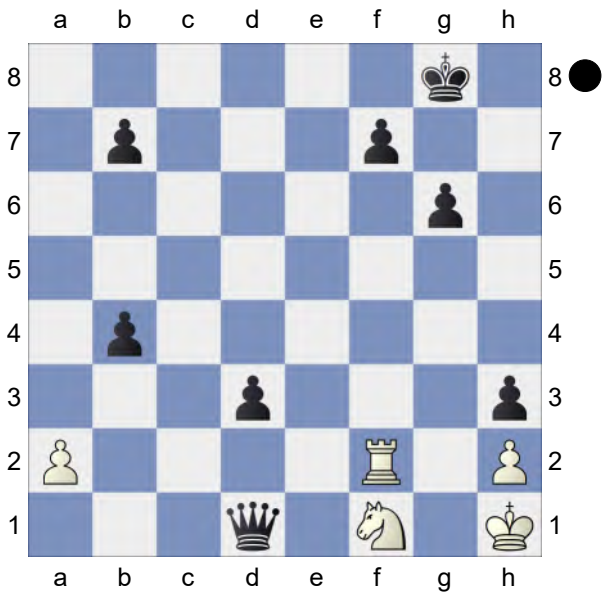


23...Bf5! 24.g4

(Diagram)



Qg5 25.Kh1? -4.91/27
[25.Rg2 -3.00/19 was worth a try. Qe3+ 26.Kh1]
25...Rfe8 26.Rg2 Re6 27.gxf5 Qxf5 28.Qc5 Qxf3 29.Be5? -8.73/23
[29.Bxa5 Nf4 30.Rag1 Nxg2 31.Bxd5 cxd5]
[29.Bxd5 -3.74/20 cxd5 30.Qb5]
29...Nf4 30.Bxf4 Re2
[Not 30...Qxf4 31.Qc3 Rae8 32.Rag1∓ *(32.Qxa5? too greedy. Re1+-+)*]
31.Bxd5 cxd5 32.Rag1 Rxg2! 33.Rxg2 Bf2 34.Nc3 Against Qd1+ **34...Qxf4 35.Ne2 Qe4 36.Qb5 Re8 37.Qd7 g6**
[37...Qxe2? 38.Rxf2 Qe4+ 39.Kg1∓]
38.Qxe8+ Qxe8 39.Rxf2 Endgame KQ-KRN **39...Qe4+ 40.Kg1 Qxc2 41.Nc3 Qc1+ 42.Kg2 Qe3 43.Nb5 h5 44.Kg1 h4** and ...h3 would now be decisive **45.Nc3 h3 46.Ne2** Wards off Qc1+ **46...Qd2** (-> ...Qe1+) **47.Ng3 Qxd4 48.b4 axb4 49.Nf1 Qc5 50.Ng3 Qc1+ 51.Nf1 Qg5+ 52.Ng3 d4 53.Kh1 Qe3 54.Kg1 d3 55.Nf1 Qd4 56.Nd2 Qg4+ 57.Kh1 Qd1+** Black mates. **58.Nf1**
(Diagram)

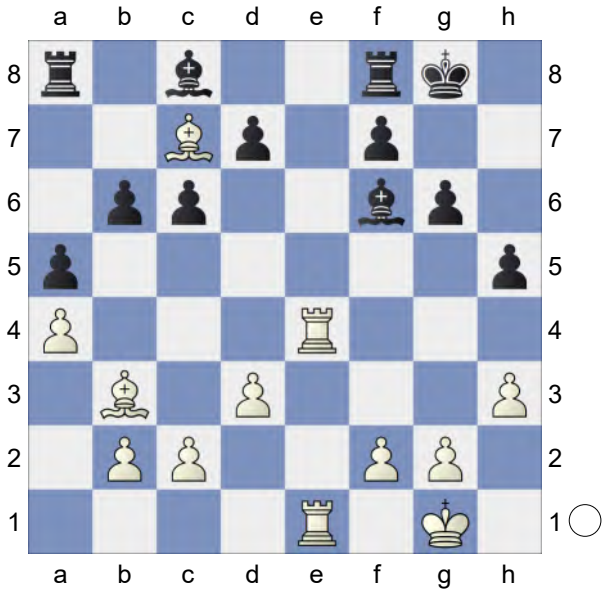


d2! 59.a3
[59.a4 bxa3]
59...Qc1 60.Kg1 d1Q 61.axb4 Qg4+ 62.Kh1 Qc6+ 63.Rg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.03 (flawless)
63...Qcxg2#
0-1

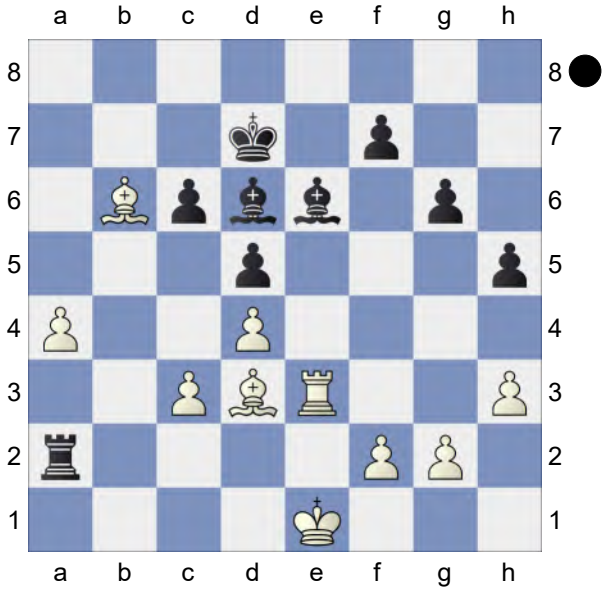
8 **C27**
□ **Shefffff** **2571**
■ **Vinijr77** **2765**
Blitz 15.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
Myers Alekhine: 'The Hague' **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8**
White is slightly better.
[10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne3
[12.Nc7? Re4 *(12...Qxc7? 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7 14.Qxc7+-)* 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7-+]
12...a5N
[12...Qa5 13.d3 *(13.d4 Qh5 14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Qg6 19.Be3 b6 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Nxc5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.b4 Ne6* 1-0 (41) Alekhine,A-Euwe,M World-ch15 Euwe-Alekhine +9-8=13 1935 (27) *28.Bxe6 dxe6 29.Rd7 Rc8 30.Rxa7 Rxc3 31.Ra8+ Kh7 32.a4 Rb3 33.b5 g5 34.Ke2 e5 35.Kd2 f6 36.Kc2 Rb4 37.Kc3 Rd4 38.Ra6 Kg6 39.Rxb6 Rxa4 40.Ra6 Rd4 41.b6* 0-1 Alekhine,A-Maurer,E Alekhine sim +33-6=4 1942*)* 13...Qh5 14.c4 b6 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Bc3 Nc8 17.c5 bxc5 18.Nf5 Nb6 19.Nh6+ Qxh6 20.Bxf7+ Kh8 21.Qxh6 1-0 Moens,A-Hamer,M B-ch corr 1984]
13.a4 Qe7 14.d3! Prevents Qe4
14...Qe5 15.Qf3 h5 1.89/21
[15...b6± 0.92/19]
16.h3 1.08/19
[16.Bd2+- 1.89/21]
16...g6 2.11/20
[16...b6± 1.08/19]
17.Rb1 0.95/21
[17.Bd2!+- 2.11/20]
17...Bg7± 18.Bd2! Qf6 19.Qg3 Nf5 1.52/23
[19...h4 0.91/22 20.Qg4 Nf5]
20.Nxf5 Qxf5 21.Rfe1 Rf8 22.Qd6! Qf6 23.Bf4 Qxd6 3.10/23
[23...b5± 1.59/21 24.Be5 Qxd6 25.Bxd6 bxa4 26.Bxf8 *(26.Bxa4*

Rd8±) 26...Kxf8 27.Bxa4 Rb8]
24.Bxd6+- Rd8? 5.16/21
[24...b6 3.20/22 is a better defense. 25.Re4 Ba6]
25.Re4? 1.20/19
[25.Re3+- 5.16/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
25...Bf6? 6.94/24
[25...Bf8± 1.20/19 26.Bc7 Trapped Piece d5 27.Bxd8 dxe4]
26.Rbe1 b6 27.Bc7 3.54/23
[⌓27.Rf4 7.45/22 Kg7 28.Rxf6 Remove Defender, Decoy Kxf6 29.Be7+ Kg7 30.Bxd8]
27...Rf8



28.Bxb6? 0.36/22
[28.Rf4!+- 3.51/23 Bg5 29.Bxf7+ Deflection Rxf7 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.Be5+ Rf6 *(31...Bf6? 32.Rxf6* Deflection *Rxf6 33.Re7+* Deflection *Kf8 34.Bxf6+-)* 32.Rxf6 Bxf6 33.Re7+ Deflection Kf8 34.Bxf6]
28...d5!± 29.Re8 Black must now prevent Bc5. **29...Be6 30.Rxf8+** 0.19/23
[30.R1xe6± 0.58/25 fxe6 31.Rxe6]
30...Kxf8= 31.Kf1 -0.26/23
[⌓31.Rb1 0.27/23]
31...Bxb2 32.d4 Bc3 33.Re3 Bb4 34.c3 Bd6 Strongly threatening ...Rb8.
35.Bc2 Ke7 36.Ke2 -0.67/24
[36.Re1= -0.15/24]
36...Kd7 37.Bd3 Rb8 38.Bxa5 Rb2+ 39.Ke1 -0.82/27
[39.Kd1∓ -0.39/24]
39...Ra2∓ 40.Bb6? -2.24/24
[40.Bb4∓ -0.72/27]

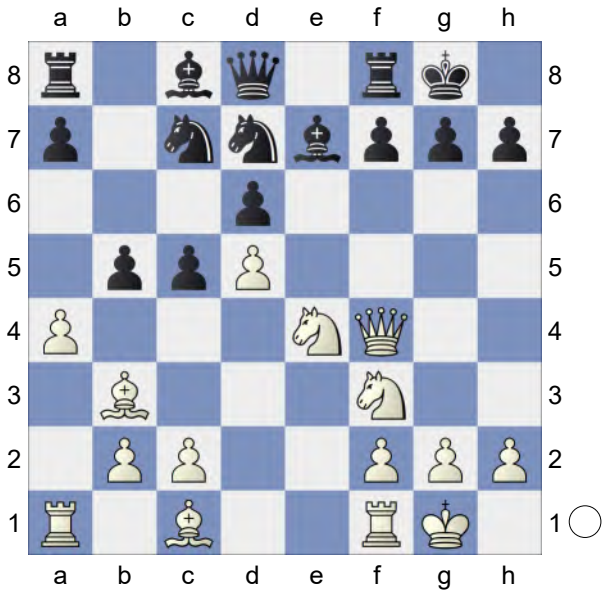


40...Rxa4 -1.21/23
[40...Ra1+!-+ -2.24/24 41.Ke2 Rxa4]
41.Bc2? -5.07/25
[41.Rf3∓ -1.21/23 is a better chance.]
41...Ra1+-+ 42.Kd2 -7.70/23
[⌓42.Bd1 -4.62/24 Bf5 43.Re2]
42...Ra2 -3.36/24
[⌓42...Bf4 -7.70/23 43.g3 Bxe3+ 44.Kxe3 Bxh3]
43.Kd1 Ra1+? 0.01/24
[Black should play 43...Ra6-+ -3.60/26 44.Bc5 Ra1+ 45.Ke2 Bxc5 46.dxc5 Ra5]
44.Ke2? -4.75/24
[44.Kd2= 0.01/24]
44...Ra6 45.Bc5 Ra2 46.Kd1 Bxc5 47.dxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB **47...Ra5 48.f4?** -4.53/24
[48.h4 -2.60/24]

48...Rxc5 49.f5 -6.73/23
[⌓49.h4 -4.22/22 Ra5 50.Re1]
49...Bxf5 50.Bxf5+ gxf5 KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **51.Kd2 Kd6** Against Re5 **52.Kd3 Rc4 53.Rf3 f4 54.Rf2 Re4 55.Ra2 f5 56.Ra7 Re3+ 57.Kd2 Rg3 58.Rh7 Rxg2+ 59.Kd3 Rg3+ 60.Kd4** Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.74
60...c5#
0-1

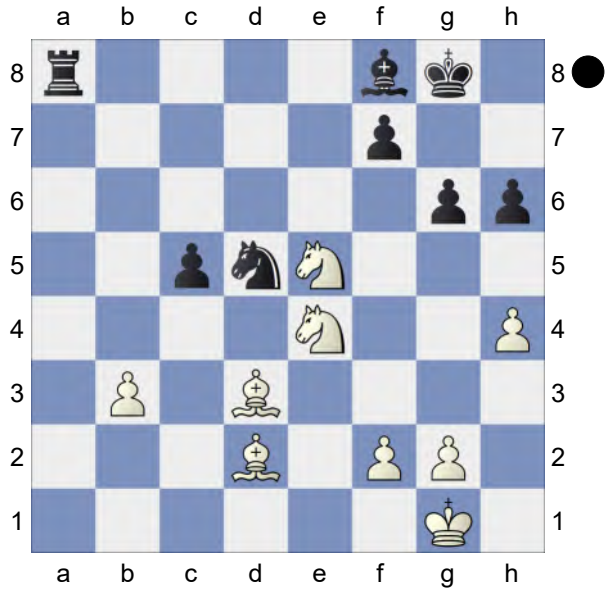
9 **C27**
□ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2636**
■ **Dudin,Gleb** **2583**
Fujairah Global Superstar (5.3) 28.08.25
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 c6N 0.45/23 Inhibits Nd5.
[7...Nc6= -0.16/20 8.Qf4 Na5 *(8...g6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.d4 d6 11.d5 Na5 12.Bd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bd7 14.Rfe1 a6 15.Ne4 Re8 16.Bc3 h6 17.h4 h5 18.Nfg5 f6 19.Nf3 Kf7 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bf5 22.Re2 Bxe4 23.Rxe4* 1-0 (27) Atoyan,A (2235)-Namitbir,S (2347) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (6)*)* 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 *(11...Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 24.Kf2 a5 25.Qe3 Ba6 26.Nd3* ½-½ (45) Piesik, P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4) *)* 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.d3 Bb7 14.Bd2 f6 15.b4 a6 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7.Nf3 with 8.Qf4 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
8.d4± Ne8 White is slightly better. **9.d5! d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 c5** 0.68/21
[11...Nef6= 0.29/21]
12.a4 White is much more active.
12...Nc7 0.98/22
[12...Nef6± 0.41/19]
13.Ne4± b5 1.98/23
[13...Nf6± 0.77/20]



14.axb5!+-
[14.Nxd6?! c4±]
14...Nb6 2.54/23
[14...Nf6 1.87/20 15.c4 Nxe4]
15.c4 a6 16.bxa6 Bxa6 17.Ng3 Ncxd5 18.cxd5 Bxf1 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Nxf1
[20.Kxf1?! Qa6+ 21.Kg1 Qd3±]
20...Qa1 21.h4 Qb1 22.Qd2 Inhibits Qd3. **22...Qe4?** 4.16/21
[22...Ra8 2.57/21]
23.Ng3 Qg4 24.Bc2 g6 Inhibits Nf5. **25.b3 Bf6 26.Ne4 Bg7 27.Nxd6 Rd8 28.Ne4 Nxd5 29.Qg5**
[29.Nxc5 Qc8+-]

29...Qxg5 30.Bxg5 Ra8 3.60/22
[30...Rb8 2.45/21 31.g4 *(31.Nxc5 Rc8∓)* 31...Bh8]
31.Bd3
[31.Nxc5 Rc8 32.Bxg6 *(32.b4? Nxb4 33.Bxg6 hxg6-+)* 32...hxg6∓ *(32...fxg6 33.Ne6∓)*]
31...h6 32.Bd2 Bf8 33.Ne5
[33.Bc4 Nb6 34.Nf6+ Kh8 35.Bxf7 Kg7+-]



33...Ra1+ 5.35/23
[33...Nb6 3.82/20 34.Nf6+ Kg7]
34.Kh2 Nb6 35.Bc3 Rc1 36.Bb2 Rd1 37.Bc2 Re1 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39.Ne8+ 2.55/26
[⌓39.Bd3 4.50/24]
39...Kg8 40.Nf6+? -0.01/23
[White should try 40.Bd3+- 2.87/24]
40...Kg7= 41.Neg4 1.70/26
[⌓41.Bd3 4.20/23]
41...Bd6+? 4.13/25
[41...Re2 1.70/26]
42.g3+- Kf8 Inhibits Ne8. **43.Kg2**
[43.Nxh6? Re2 44.Nh7+ Ke8-+]
43...Be7 4.95/26
[43...c4 3.22/25 44.Bd4 *(44.Nxh6 Re2∓)* 44...Rc1]
44.Ne3
[Not 44.Nxh6 Re2 45.Nh7+ Ke8 46.Bxg6 fxg6 *(46...Rxb2?* is the wrong capture. *47.Bxf7+ Kd8 48.Ng4+-)* 47.Nf6+ Bxf6 48.Bxf6 Rd2∓]
44...h5? 5.86/24
[44...Bxf6 3.59/28 is a better defense. 45.Bxf6 Rxe3]
45.Ne4 f5 46.Nd2 Strongly threatening Nf3. **46...Re2 47.Nef1 Re6 48.Bd3 Rd6 49.Bb5** White is clearly winning.
49...f4 6.75/24
[⌓49...Bf6 4.69/21 50.Ba3 Be7 51.Bxc5 Rd5]
50.Be5 Rd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.56
51.Bxf4
1-0

10 **C27**
□ **harsha15** **2555**
■ **Gogotaniye** **2782**
Blitz 26.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0
[6...Nc6 simplifies 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qa5 Nf5]
7.h4 -0.17/20
[7.Nxe5 0.22/22 is superior. Nc6 8.Nf3]
7...Kh8N 1.97/21
[7...Nc6= -0.17/20 and Black stays safe. 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 8.♘d4 ♘g4 9.e3 d6 Latvian Gambit thematic G-7-67 1967 *(12.Nd5 Nf5*

13.d3 g4 14.Bg5 Ncd4 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxf6 Ng7 17.Kd2 a5 18.Rh6 Ndf5 19.Rh2 Ra6 20.Rah1 Nh5 21.Bxe5 Re8 22.Bc3 Nfg7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rxh5 Doevelaar,C-Wiegand, H email 2014 *)]*

8.Ng5+-

[8.Nxe5 Nc6=]

8...h6 White is clearly better. **9.Nce4??** -2.44/18

[9.Bxf7 Bxg5 *(9...Nxf7 10.Nxf7+* Discovered Attack *Rxf7 11.Qxf7±)* 10.hxg5 Nxf7∓ *(10...Rxf7 11.d3∓)*]

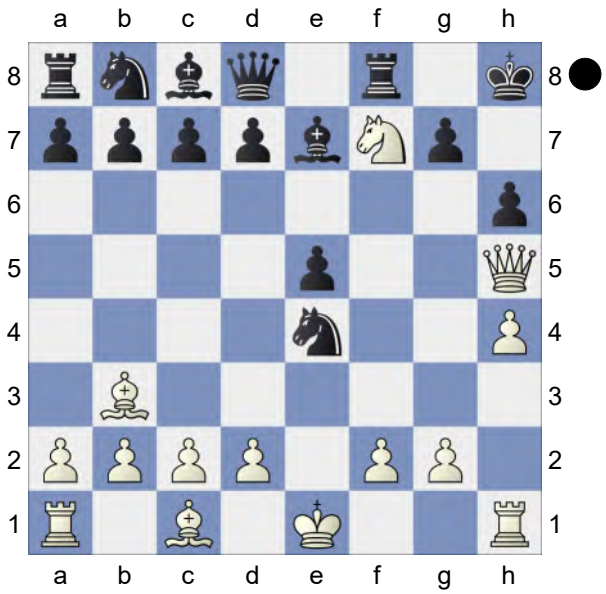
[9.Nxf7+ Nxf7 10.Bxf7 d6=]

[9.d3+- 1.74/20]

White is now going downhill. **9...Nxe4-+**

10.Nxf7+ -3.29/21

[⌓10.Nxe4 -2.18/19 d5 11.Ng3]



10...Rxf7! 11.Qxf7 d5

[11...Bxh4? perishes. 12.Rxh4 d5 13.Qxd5+-]

12.Bxd5? -4.44/21

[12.Qxd5 -2.77/20 Qxd5 13.Bxd5]

12...Nf6 13.Bb3 Nc6 14.d3 Qf8 -2.32/19

[⌓14...Bg4 -4.32/21 15.Be3 Bb4+ 16.c3 Qxd3]

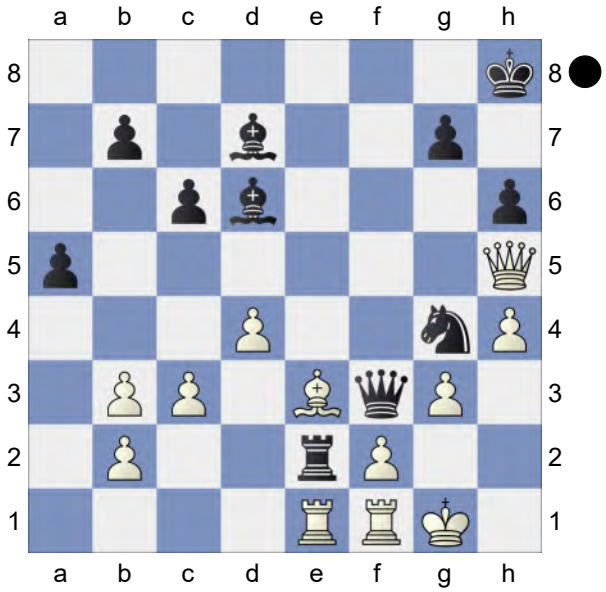
15.Qg6? -5.96/21

[15.Qxf8+ -2.32/19 is more resistant. Bxf8 16.Be3]

15...Nd4 16.Qg3 a5 17.c3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Be6 19.Qxe5 Bd6 20.Qb5 Re8 21.0-0 Ng4 22.g3 -7.81/20

[⌓22.Bd2 -4.63/19 b6 23.f3]

22...c6 23.Qh5 White is weak on the light squares **23...Bd7** A strong pair of Bishops. **24.d4 Re2** Threatens to win with ...Qf3. **25.Be3 Qf3** (-> ...Bxg3!) **26.Rae1**



Bxg3! Double Attack **27.Qxg4 Qxg4** Black mates. **28.Rxe2 Bd6+ 29.Kh1 Qxe2 30.Rg1 Qf3+ 31.Rg2**

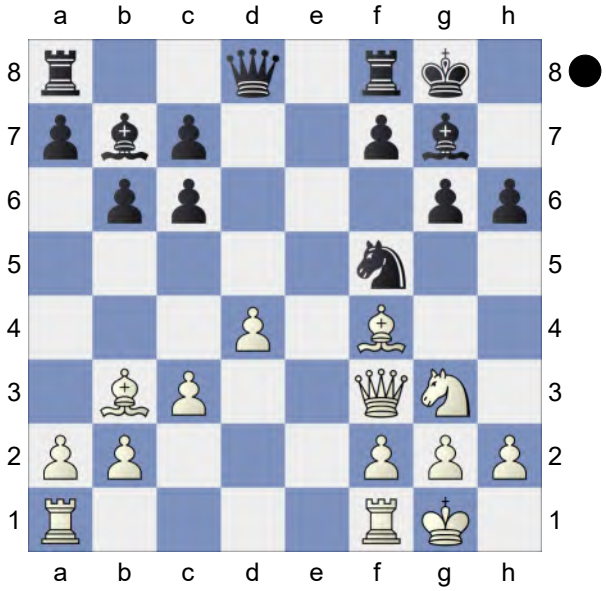
Weighted Error Value: White=1.79/ Black=0.76

31...Bh3

0-1

11 **C27**
□ **Grant Ward** **2585**
■ **Khatanbaatargm** **2715**
Blitz 20.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Nxe5 Nc6 8.Nxc6N -0.46/23
[8.0-0= 0.13/20]
[8.Nd5 Nxe5 *(8...Bf6 9.Ng4 Ne8 10.c3 g6 11.Ndxf6+ Nxf6 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Qe2 d6 14.d3 Be6 15.Bc2 Rfe8 16.Be3 Bd5 17.Rg1 b5 18.Kd2 b4 19.Qg4 Rab8 20.Qg5 bxc3+ 21.bxc3 Qxg5 22.Bxg5 Rb2 23.Be3* (49) Four Knights-5.♗c4 ♗c5_46561 Survey 2008 *)* 9.Qxe5 Re8 10.0-0 c6 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c5 12.d3 b5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Nxb5 c4 15.dxc4 Re4 16.Qg3 Nf5 17.Qc7 Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Rc8 19.Nd5 a5 20.c3 Bc5 21.Bc2 Rxc4 22.Nf4 Nh4 23.Bd3 Ra4 24.b3 Rxf4 25.Bxf4* 1-0 (38) Purdy,C-Soultanbeieff,V olm1 qual GP4 B1 corr 1946*)* 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
8...dxc6∓ 9.0-0 Bf6 -0.08/21
[9...a5∓ -0.49/22 should be considered.]
10.d3= The position is equal. **10...g6**
11.Qf3 Nf5 0.82/22
[11...a5= 0.17/21]
12.Ne4± Bg7 1.41/21
[⌓12...Be7 0.82/21]
13.c3 0.53/21
[13.Bg5± 1.41/21 Qe8 14.Rae1 *(14.Nf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxf6 Qd7±)*]
13...h6 0.98/19
[13...Nh4± 0.53/21 14.Qe2 h6]
14.d4 0.40/18
[White should play 14.Re1± 0.98/19]
14...b6 1.21/21
[14...Nh4± 0.40/18 15.Qe2 Re8]
15.Bf4 Bb7 16.Ng3



Nd6 17.Qd3↑ White is in control. White is much more active. This move loses the game for Black. **17...a5?** 3.87/21
[17...Kh7± 0.92/19]
18.Qxg6+- Threatens to win with Nh5!.
18...Kh8 19.Qh5 Qf6 20.Be5 Qg6 21.Rfe1 a4 22.Bc2

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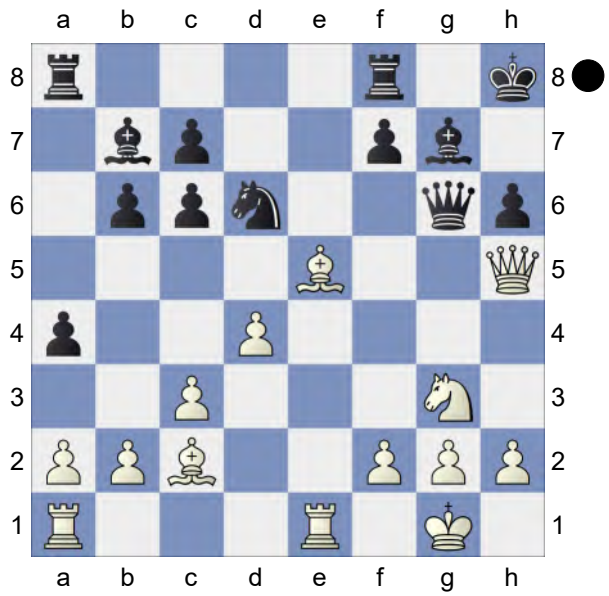
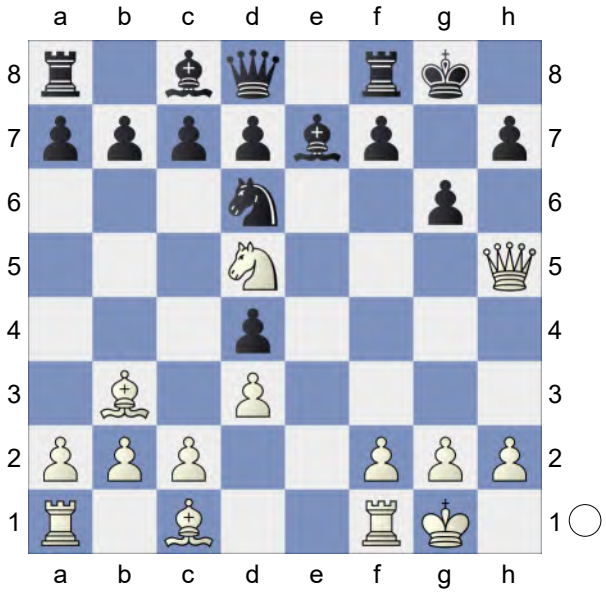


Deflection **22...Qxc2** 9.19/23
[⌓22...Qxh5 5.13/22 23.Nxh5 Bxe5]
23.Qxh6+ Qh7 24.Bxg7+ Kg8 25.Bxf8 c5 26.Qxh7+ Kxh7 27.Bxd6 cxd6 28.Re7 Bd5 29.Nf5 Rd8 30.dxc5 bxc5 31.Rd1 Bxa2 32.Rxd6 Rb8 33.Rh6+ Kg8 34.Re3 White threatens Rg3+ and mate. **34...f6 35.Rg6+ Kf7 36.Rg7+ Kf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=1.23
37.Rh3
1-0

12 **C27**
□ **Shant7777777** **2889**
■ **Unknown Maestro** **2685**
Blitz 17.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 0.24/21
[⌓6...Nc6! -0.24/23]
7.0-0 -0.22/23
[⌓7.Nxe5 0.24/21 Nc6 8.d3]
[7.h4 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]
7...Nc6 0.21/22
[⌓7...e4 -0.22/23 8.Ne5 a5]
8.d3N -0.56/21
[Better is 8.Nxe5= 0.21/22 Nd4 9.Nd5]
[8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Ne8 *(10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Bg5 Qe5 13.Rae1 Qc5 14.f4 d3+ 15.Kh1 dxc2 16.f5 Nxf5 17.Re8 d5 18.Be7 Qxe7 19.Rxe7 c1Q 20.Rxc1 Nxe7* Doevelaar,C-Boehnke,M email 2014*)* 11.Re1 Nf6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qxh7+ Kxh7 14.Rxe7 c6 15.Bg5 Kg6 16.h4 d5 17.Rd1 c5 18.c3 c4 19.Rxd4 cxb3 20.axb3 b6 21.Ra4 a5 22.Be3 Bd7 0-1 (35) Giorgadze,T (2787)-Lihotsky,L (2763) La 72/145 Havana 1998 (23)]
8...Nd4 0.37/24
[Black should try 8...g6∓ -0.56/21 9.Qh3 Nf5]
9.Nxd4± exd4 10.Nd5 g6? 2.09/22
[10...b6± 0.47/21]



11.Qe5!+- Re8 3.06/23
[11...Nf5 1.88/21]
12.Nxe7+? 0.88/23
[12.Qxd4?! b6 13.Re1 c5+-]
[12.Bd2+- 3.06/23 has better winning chances.]
12...Qxe7± 13.Qxd4 White is much more active.
[13.Qxe7 simplifies Rxe7 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1]
13...Nf5 14.Qc3 Qe5 2.09/23 Against Qxc7
[14...c6± 0.40/22]
15.Bd2? 0.45/22
[15.Qxe5+- 2.09/23 Rxe5 16.Bf4]
15...Qxc3!± 16.Bxc3→ White is up to no good. This pair of bishops is nice.
16...d6 17.Rae1 0.07/24
[17.d4± 0.49/20 is superior.]
17...Be6= 18.h3 a5 19.g4 Black is on the road to losing. **19...Nh4?** 1.78/28
[19...Ng7!= 0.27/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]
20.f4+- Bxb3 3.09/23
[20...d5 1.73/26 was called for.]
21.axb3 h6 4.37/25
[⌓21...g5 2.85/25 22.fxg5 Rxe1 23.Bxe1 Ng6]
22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN
23.Bf6
[Not 23.Bxa5 Re3± *(23...Re2 24.Rf2±)*]
23...g5 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.Bxg5 Ng6 26.Kf2 Prevents Re2+. **26...Re5 27.Bf6 Rc5 28.c4 b5 29.Re1 Ne5 30.Ke3**

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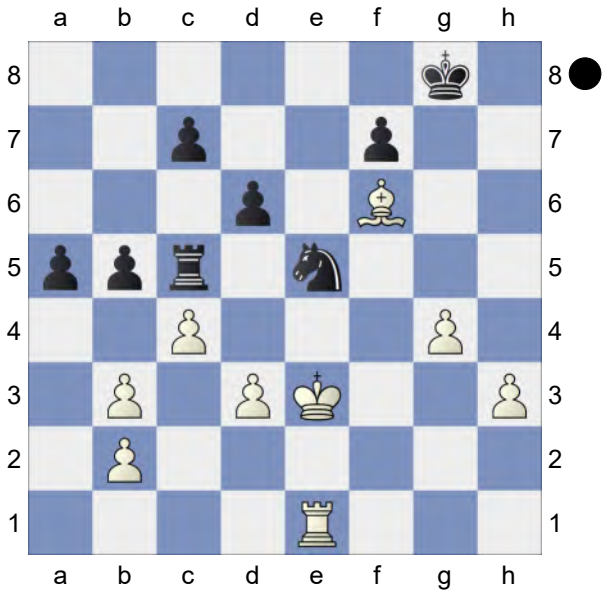

bxc4 31.bxc4 Nd7 32.Bd4 Rg5 33.Kd2 Ne5 7.43/25
[⌓33...Kf8 4.92/24 34.b3 Ne5 35.Bxe5 dxe5]
34.Bxe5 dxe5 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **35.Ra1 Rg7 36.Rxa5 f6 37.Ra8+ Kf7 38.Ra7 Ke6 39.b4 Rh7 40.b5 Rxh3 41.Rxc7 Rg3 42.b6** Strongly threatening b7. **42...Kd6 43.c5+** White mates. **43...Kd5 44.b7 Rg2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=1.16
45.Kc3
1-0

13 **C27**
□ **Herushkanamura** **2938**
■ **Unknown Maestro** **2676**
Blitz 10.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.0-0 c6N Prevents Nd5

[9...Bf6 10.Qf4 *(10.Qd5 Qe7 11.d3 c6 12.Qh5 Ne8 13.Be3 d5 14.Rae1 Be6 15.Nd1 Nd6 16.Re2 Qd7 17.h3 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Re7 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 h6 21.Qf4 Rae8 22.Ne3 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qxh3 24.f3 Nf5* ½-½ (27) Burk,E-Van der Velden,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1) *)* 10...Bg5 11.Qf3 c6 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Raxc1 Qg5 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Qd3 d5 16.Ne2 Bd7 17.c3 Rae8 18.Bc2 g6 19.Ng3 Nd6 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.b3 0-1 (34) Maierhofer,J (2066)-Sarana,A (2686) PlusCity Grand Prix Blitz 2025 (1)]

[9...Re8 10.d4 b6 11.Qh5 Ba6 12.Bf4 Nc4 13.Ne4 g6 14.Qf3 d5 15.Ng3 c6 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.b3 Ba6 19.Be5 Bg5 20.a4 f5 21.Nh5 gxh5 22.Qg3 Qe7 23.h4 h6 24.f4 1-0 (28) Hernandez,A-Van der Velden,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]

10.d4

[10.Re1!? Re8□ 11.Re3=]

10...Re8 0.75/20

[10...Ne8± 0.37/21]

11.Bf4 0.36/19

[11.Qf4± 0.75/20]

11...Bf8± 12.Qh5

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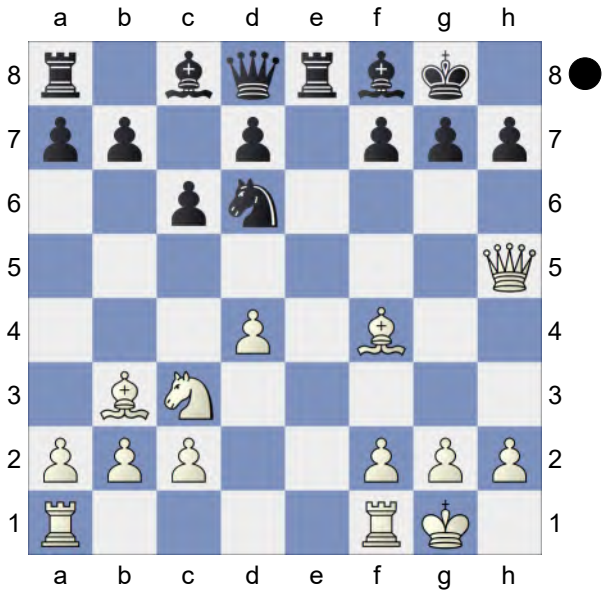

g6 13.Qf3 Nf5 14.d5 Nd4 15.Qg3 0.00/23

[15.Qd1± 0.48/21 Nxb3 16.axb3]

15...Nxb3 0.52/23

[15...d6= 0.00/23]

16.axb3 0.09/21

[16.cxb3± 0.52/23 is more appropriate. d6 17.Rad1]

16...d6= 17.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Bf5 19.Re2 Qd7 20.Qe3 Prevents Re8.

20...c5 0.75/22

[20...Bg7= 0.20/22]

21.h3± h5 22.f3 Threatens to win with g4. **22...h4** 1.85/22

[22...Bg7± 0.87/20 is a better defense. 23.Qd2 b5]

23.Bg5+- Bg7

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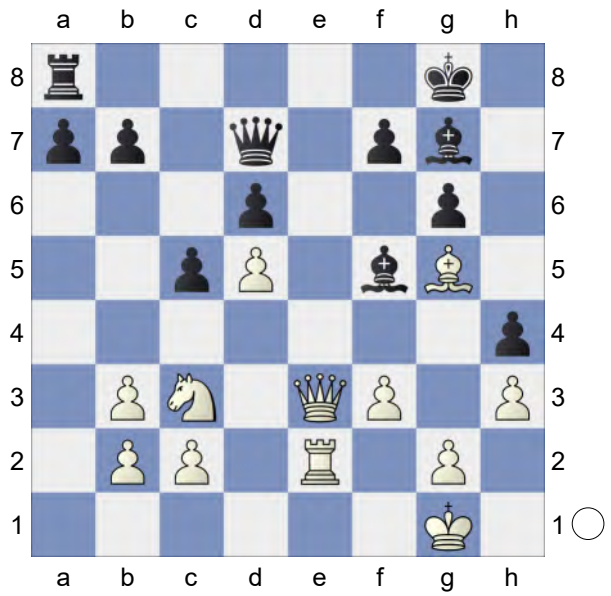
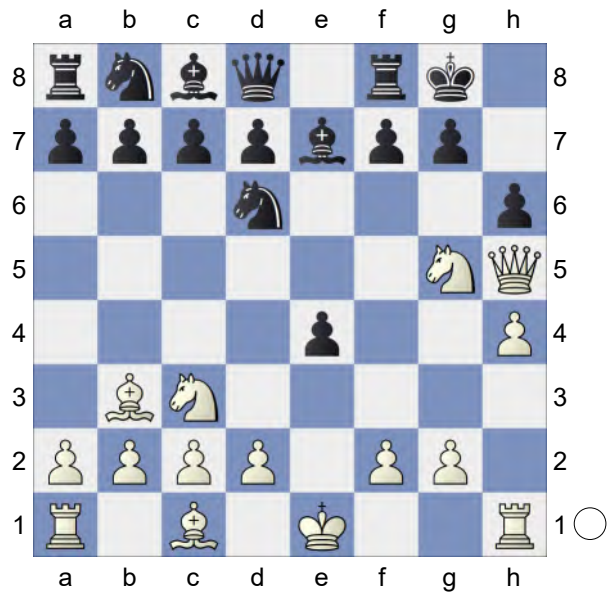


24.Qf2 -0.71/22
[24.Bxh4? Bd4-+]
[Better is 24.Qd2!+- 1.82/21]
24...Bd4↑ Pin. Black has some pressure.
25.Be3 Bf6 Black is more active.
26.Qe1 Re8 27.Bf2 Rxe2 28.Qxe2 b5 0.01/21
[28...a5∓ -0.87/20]
29.Ne4? -2.53/22
[29.Nxb5= 0.01/21 Bxc2 *(29...Bxb2 30.Be1=)* 30.Nxd6]
29...Bxe4-+
[29...Bxb2 30.c4 Bg7 31.Nd2∓]
30.Qxe4 Bxb2 31.Bxh4? -7.55/21 Endgame KQB-KQB
[31.b4 -2.49/23 cxb4 32.Qxb4]
31...a5 and ...a4 would now be decisive
32.Qd3 a4 33.bxa4 bxa4 34.Qa6 a3 35.Bg3 Qe7 36.Kh2 Qg5 37.Qxd6 Qc1? -0.01/23
[37...Qe3-+ -8.47/22 38.Qb8+ Kh7]
38.Be5? -15.76/23
[38.Qd8+= -0.01/23 Kh7 39.Qe8]
38...Bxe5+
[Inferior is 38...Qxc2 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Qh8#]
39.Qxe5 KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up.
39...a2
[39...Qxc2 40.d6 a2 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.Qe5+ Kh7 43.Qf6-+]
40.Qe8+ Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kh7 42.Qf6 a1Q 43.Qxf7+ Qg7 44.Qe6
Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=1.18/ Black=0.40
44...Qf4+
0-1

14 **C27**
□ **Wounded Thirteenth** **2879**
■ **Artyom Odegov** **2663**
Blitz 25.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

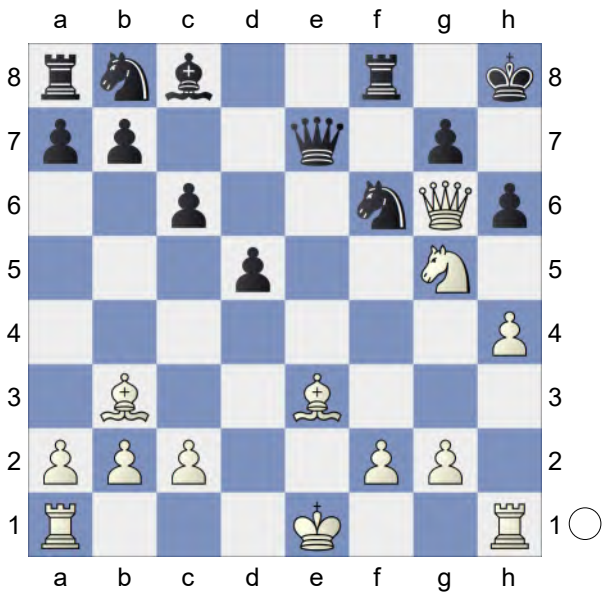
Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.h4 -0.51/20
[6.Qxe5= 0.09/20 0-0 7.d4]
6...0-0 0.01/21
[6...Nc6∓ -0.51/20]
7.Nf3= e4N 3.72/19
[7...Nc6= -0.20/19 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 *(9.Nd5 Nd4 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 11.Qg6* 1-0 Repin,E-Krasichcov,V Kopeisk (Russia) 1994*)* 9...Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 8.♘d4 ♘g4 9.e3 d6 Latvian Gambit thematic G-7-67 1967]
8.Ng5+- White is winning. **8...h6**

(Diagram)

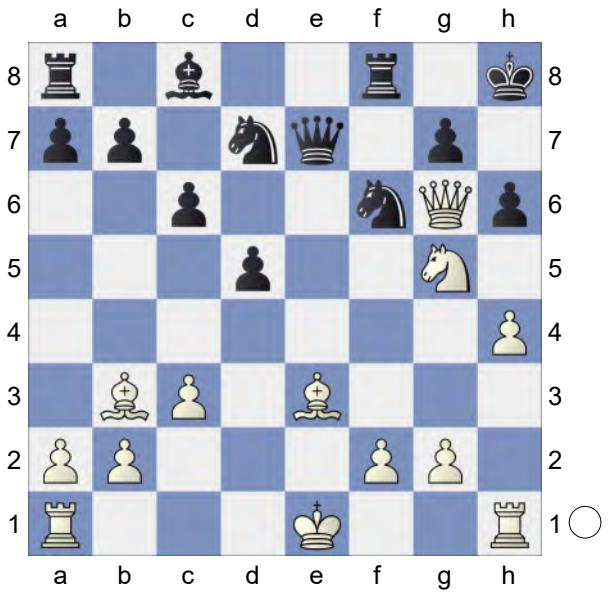


9.Nd5? 0.18/20 **Kh8?** 3.79/20
[9...hxg5 10.hxg5 Bxg5 11.Qh8#]
[9...Ne8= 0.18/20]
10.d3 c6 4.22/19
[⌓10...exd3 3.01/17 11.0-0 Kg8]
11.Nxe7 Qxe7 12.dxe4 1.59/22
[12.Be3+- 3.16/22]
12...Nxe4 2.14/23
[12...Kg8± 1.59/22]
13.Nxf7+ Kh7 14.Be3? 0.01/22
[14.0-0+- 2.15/22 d5 15.Nxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6+ Kg8 17.Re1 *(17.Qg6+ Kh8±)*]
14...Nf6? 4.58/23
[14...d5= 0.01/22 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Nxe4 Qxe4]
15.Ng5+? 1.57/5
[15.Qf5++- 4.58/23 and the rest is easy. Kg8 16.Nd6+ *(16.Nxh6+ Kh8±)* 16...Kh8 17.Nxc8 *(17.0-0-0 Nd5+-)* 17...Rxc8 18.0-0-0]
15...Kh8± 16.Qg6
[16.Nf7+ Kh7 17.Qf5+ Kg8+-]
16...d5

(Diagram)



17.c3! -0.01/23 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
17...Nbd7=



18.0-0-0! Ne5!↑ Black has the initiative.
[18...hxg5? 19.hxg5+ Kg8 20.gxf6 Nxf6 21.Rh4+-]
19.Qc2 Bg4
[19...a5!?]
20.Rde1
[20.f3? Nxf3 21.gxf3 Qxe3+ 22.Kb1 Bxf3-+]
20...Rae8 0.50/22
[20...hxg5?! 21.Bd4 Nfd7

(21...gxh4? 22.Rxe5 Qd7 23.Rxh4+ Kg8 24.f3+-) 22.hxg5+ Kg8 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.g6+ *(24.f4 Rh8±)* 24...Ke8 25.Bc2±]

[20...Qd7= -0.22/22 21.Qb1 Bf5 *(21...hxg5 22.hxg5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 23.gxf6±)*]

21.Bd4 -0.01/21

[21.f3!± 0.50/22 Bh5 22.Bd4 Discovered Attack]

21...Qd6

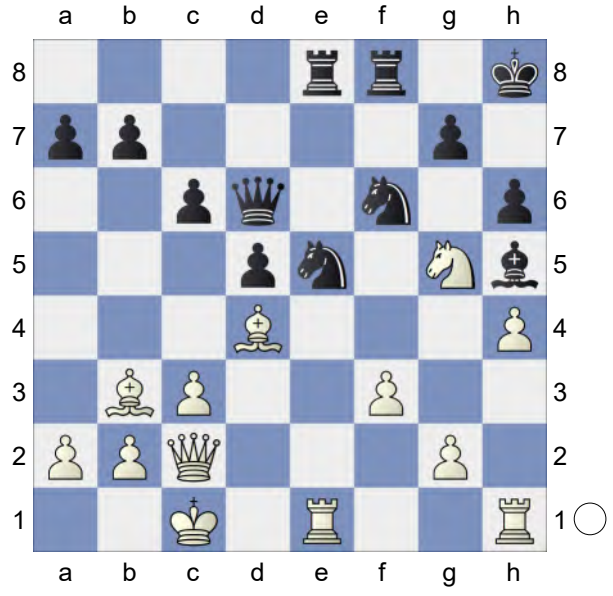
[21...Nd3+!? 22.Qxd3 Qxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 24.Kc2 Re2+ 25.Kc1 Re1+=]

22.f3

[22.f4!? Ng6□ 23.g3 *(23.Qxg6? Qxf4+ 24.Kb1 Bf5+-+)* 23...Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1∓]

22...Bh5 1.99/21

[22...Bd7!= -0.01/20 and Black stays safe.]



23.Qd2? -0.37/20 **Bg6∓** **24.Bc2** -2.91/20 Prevents Nd3+ **24...Bxc2?** -0.38/22

[24...hxg5? 25.hxg5+ *(25.Bxa7? Bxc2 26.Qxc2 g4-+)* 25...Kg8 26.gxf6 *(26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxc2+-)* 26...gxf6 27.Qh6 *(27.Bxa7 Bxc2 28.Qxc2 Re7+-; 27.Bxg6 Nxg6 28.Bxa7 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Kg7±)* 27...Nd3+ 28.Kd2 *(28.Bxd3 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Bxd3±)* 28...Qf4+ 29.Re3 Qxh6 30.Rxh6+-]

[24...Nc4-+ -2.91/20 25.Rxe8 Nxe8 *(25...Nxd2 26.Be5=)*]

25.Qxc2 c5 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Qg6 -1.16/21 **Rxe1+** -0.09/22

[27...hxg5 28.hxg5+ Kg8 29.gxf6 Rxf6 30.Qg4=]

[27...Kg8∓ -1.16/21 28.Nh3 *(28.Rxe5 Qxe5 29.Nh3 d4∓)* 28...d4 29.cxd4 cxd4]

28.Rxe1= Qf4+

[28...Kg8 with more complications. 29.Ne6 Rf7 30.Re2 d4]

29.Kb1? -4.42/25

[29.Kd1= -0.01/22 hxg5 30.hxg5]

29...hxg5? -0.15/24

[29...Qd2!-+ -4.42/25 30.Rh1 Re8 *(30...hxg5? 31.hxg5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 32.gxf6±)* 31.Nf7+ Kg8]

30.hxg5 Nh7 0.28/23

[⌓30...Qh4 -0.15/25 31.Re7 Qh1+ 32.Kc2 Qxg2+ 33.Kb3 Rg8]

31.Re7? -3.72/23

[31.Rh1= 0.28/23 and White is okay. Qf5+ 32.Qxf5 Rxf5 33.g6 Pin]

31...Qf5+? -1.03/23

[31...Nxg5 32.Qxg7#]

[31...Qxg5-+ -3.72/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 32.Qxg5 Nxg5]

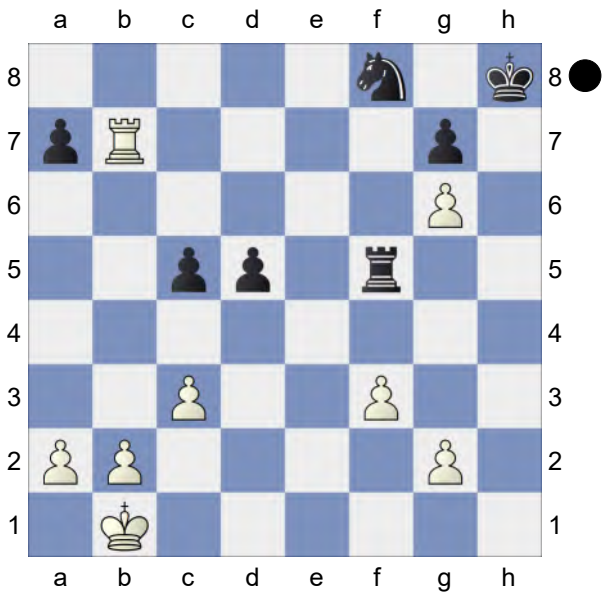
32.Qxf5∓ Rxf5 Endgame KRN-KR

33.g6 -1.99/24

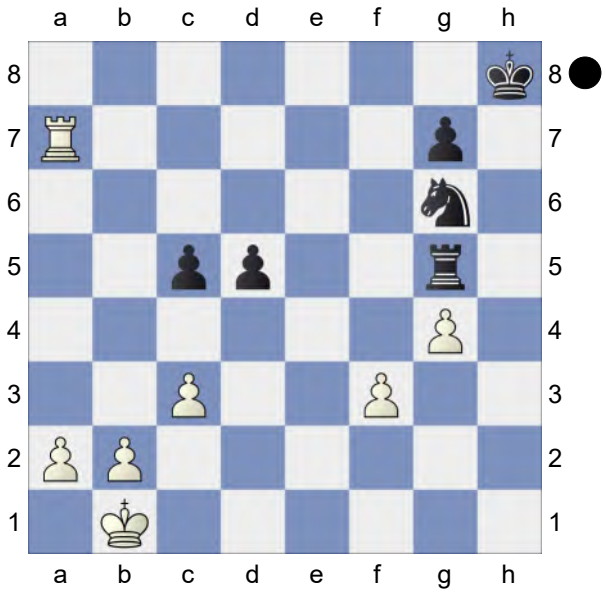
[33.Rxb7∓ -0.85/23 Nf8 *(33...Rxg5? 34.Rb8++-; 33...Nxg5 34.Rxa7 Kg8 35.a4∓)* 34.Rxa7]

33...Nf8-+ 34.Rxb7

(Diagram)

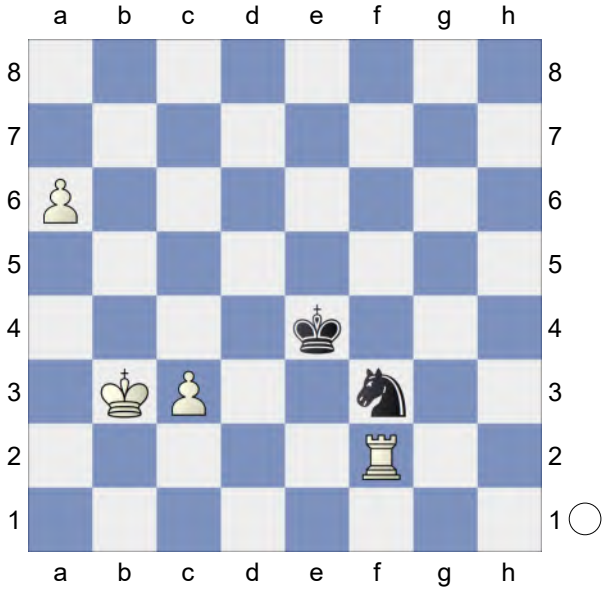


Nxg6 -1.16/22
[34...a6!-+ -1.91/22 35.Rb8 Kg8]
35.Rxa7∓ Rg5 0.01/23
[35...Nf4∓ -0.89/21 36.a4 Nxg2 Discovered Attack]
36.g4 -1.92/21
[36.a4= 0.01/23]



36...Nh4!-+ 37.Rc7? -3.16/22
[37.Ra5∓ -1.23/21]
37...Nxf3? -0.59/22
[37...d4-+ -3.16/22 38.a4 d3 *(38...Nxf3? 39.cxd4 cxd4 40.Rf7-+)*]

38.Rxc5∓ Kh7 -0.01/25
[Black should play 38...Rxg4∓ -0.86/22 and ...Rf4 should not be overlooked 39.Rxd5 Kh7]
39.a4 Rxg4 40.a5 Ra4 1.03/23
[40...d4∓ -0.33/24 stays ahead. 41.cxd4 Rxd4 *(41...Nxd4 42.a6∓)*]
41.b4 -0.01/21
[41.Rxd5± 1.03/23 Threatens to win with b4. Rc4 42.Rf5 Nd2+ 43.Kc2]
41...g5? 2.50/27
[41...d4= -0.01/21]
42.Kb2? -0.01/21
[42.Rxd5+- 2.50/27 g4 43.Kb2]
42...Kg6? 7.91/22
[42...d4= -0.01/21 43.Kb3 Ra1 44.cxd4 Kg7 *(44...Nxd4+ 45.Kb2∓)*]
43.Rxd5+- g4 44.Rd1
[44.Kb3 Ra1 45.Kb2 Re1∓]
44...g3 45.Kb3 Rxa5 46.bxa5 KR-KN **46...g2 47.a6 Nh2 48.Rg1 Nf3 49.Rxg2+ Kf5 50.Rf2 Ke4**

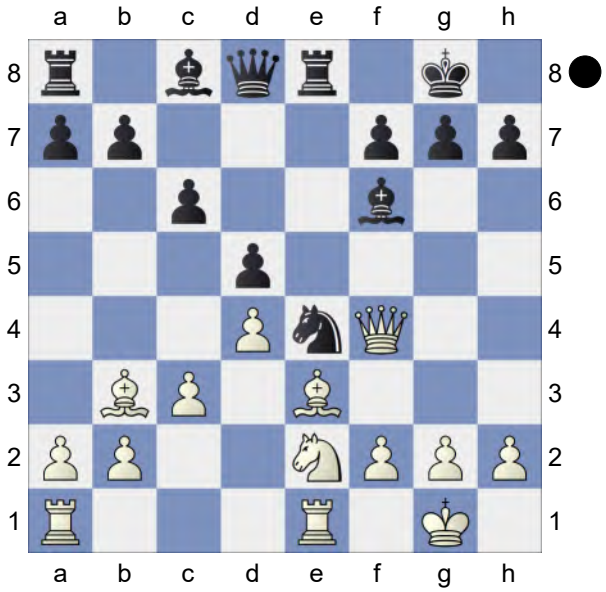


51.Rxf3! Kxf3 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **52.a7 Ke2 53.a8Q Kd1 54.Qe4** 7.83/5
[⌓54.Qg2 #4/10 Ke1 55.c4 Kd1 56.Qf2 Kc1 57.Qe1#]
54...Kc1 55.Qe5 10.78/5

[⌓55.Qe1# #1/6]
55...Kd2 56.Qd6+ Kc1 57.Qe6 Kb1 58.Qd6? 0.01/5
[58.Qe1# #1/6 mates]
58...Ka1? #1/6
[58...Kc1= 0.01/5 59.c4 Kb1 60.Qd1#]
59.Qe7 Kb1 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=1.17
60.Qe1#
1-0

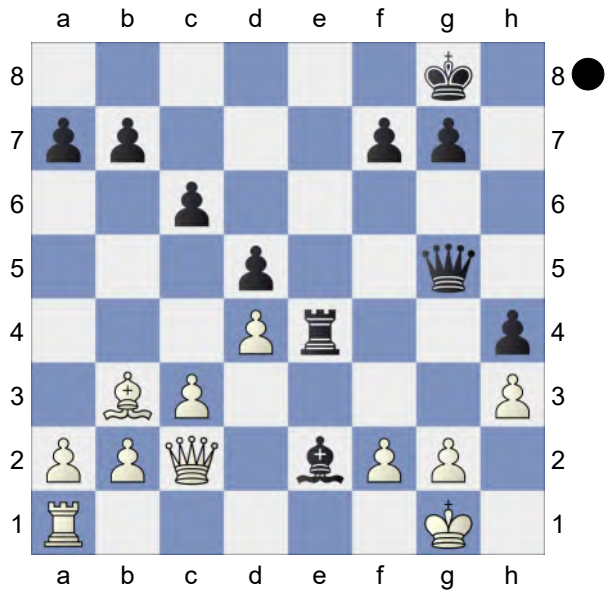
15 **C27**
□ **Miguelss** **2576**
■ **Joeassaad** **2658**
Blitz 20.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5N
[2...d5 3.exd5 *(3.e5 Nfd7 4.d4 c5 5.f4 cxd4 6.Nb5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nc5 8.Nfxd4 e6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 Rc8 14.Qe1 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 f5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Qd2 Qb6* 1-0 (67) Hector,J-Baburin,A 52: Politiken Cup 2000*)* 3...Nxd5
A) 4.Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Qf3 *(6.Nf3 e5 7.d3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nxe5 Bxd1 10.Bxf7+ Ke7 11.Bg5+ Kd6 12.Ne4+ Kxe5 13.f4+ Kd4 14.Rxd1 Qxg5 15.c3+ Ke3 16.0-0 Qc5 17.Rd2 Nd4 18.Kh2 Qe7 19.Re1+ Kxf4 20.cxd4 Qh4* 1-0 (22) Pirozhkov,A-Remizov,J (2155) Moscow-ch op 1995 (5) *)* 6...e6 7.Nge2 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.d4 Na5 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Rfd1 Bc6 13.Qg3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Qf6 15.Ra5 Rfd8 16.Be5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 Rd7 18.Nf4 Rxd4 ½-½ (29) Mekhitarian,K (2525)-Tischer,G (2555) ch-GBR, ENG Torquay 1998 (12);
B) 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Ne4 Nd4 7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.Qh5 e6 9.Kd1 Rg8 10.c3 Nf5 11.g3 Qd6 4. Sideline: Anti-Alekhine 2.-2.Nc3]
3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.0-0 Ne8 10.d4 Black is weak on the light squares **10...c6** Prevents Nd5. White has an edge. **11.Re1** -0.15/21
[11.d5!± 0.45/23]
11...Bf6= 12.Qf4 d5 13.Ne2 Nd6 14.c3 -0.39/21
[14.Ng3= -0.01/22 might be stronger.]
14...Re8 15.Bd2 Ne4 ...Bg5 is the strong threat. **16.Be3?** -5.83/21
[16.Qe3= -0.26/20 and White has nothing to worry.]



16...h5? -0.34/21
[16...g5!-+ -5.83/21 17.Qf3 g4]
17.Ng3? -5.63/22
[White should play 17.Bc1∓ -0.34/21]

17...Bg5? -0.49/20
[Black should play 17...g5-+ -5.63/22 18.Qxe4 *(18.Qf3? Bg4-+)* 18...dxe4 *(18...Rxe4? 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.a4-+)* 19.Nxh5 Bf5]
18.Qf3∓ Bg4 19.Bxg5! Qxg5 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Qg3 -3.76/26
[21.Qd3∓ -0.84/24 is the only way for White. Bf5 22.Rxe4 Bxe4 23.Qh3]
21...h4-+ 22.Qd3 Rae8 (-> ...Bf3)
23.Rxe4 Rxe4
[23...dxe4 24.Qe3 Qg6 25.Bc2∓]
24.h3? -5.69/23
[24.c4 -3.18/23 might work better. Be2 25.Qc3 Bxc4 *(25...Rg4 26.g3∓)* 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Qxc4]
24...Be2 25.Qc2 -#15/31
[25.Qb1-+ -4.60/23 Bf3 26.Qf1]



25...Bf3 Black mates. **26.g4 hxg3 27.fxg3 Qxg3+ 28.Kf1 Be2+ 29.Qxe2**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.29/ Black=0.89
29...Rf4+
0-1

16 **C27**
□ **Sheffff** **2547**
■ **Angrybirds2000** **2700**
Blitz 21.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
Myers Alekhine: 'The Hague' **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8**
White has an edge.
[10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne3
[12.Nc7? Re4 *(12...Qxc7? 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7 14.Qxc7+-)* 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7-+]
12...Qe7N
[12...Qa5 13.d3 *(13.d4 Qh5 14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Qg6 19.Be3 b6 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Nxc5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.b4 Ne6* 1-0 (41) Alekhine,A-Euwe,M World-ch15 Euwe-Alekhine +9-8=13 1935 (27) *28.Bxe6 dxe6 29.Rd7 Rc8 30.Rxa7 Rxc3 31.Ra8+ Kh7 32.a4 Rb3 33.b5 g5 34.Ke2 e5 35.Kd2 f6 36.Kc2 Rb4 37.Kc3 Rd4 38.Ra6 Kg6 39.Rxb6 Rxa4 40.Ra6 Rd4 41.b6* 0-1 Alekhine,A-Maurer,E Alekhine sim +33-6=4 1942*)* 13...Qh5 14.c4 b6 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Bc3 Nc8 17.c5 bxc5 18.Nf5 Nb6 19.Nh6+ Qxh6 20.Bxf7+ Kh8 21.Qxh6

1-0 Moens,A-Hamer,M B-ch corr 1984]

13.d3 Against Qe4. White is much more active. **13...Nb5?** 4.20/21

[13...Qe5± 0.69/19 14.Qg4 Qf6]

14.c4? 0.39/22

[14.Nf5+- 4.20/21 Qf6 15.Nh6+ Deflection, Double Attack Kh8 16.Nxf7+ *(16.Bxf7 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Re7±)* 16...Kg8 17.Nd6+ Re6 18.Qxf6 *(18.Bxe6+ dxe6 19.Nxc8 Rxc8+-)* 18...gxf6 19.Nxb5 *(19.Bxe6+ dxe6 20.Nxc8 Rxc8+-)* 19...cxb5 20.a4 *(20.Bxe6+ dxe6 21.Be3 Bd7+-)*]

14...Qd6± 15.Qxd6

[15.Nf5!? Qxf4 16.Bxf4∓]

15...Nxd6 16.d4 Ne4 17.d5 -0.56/19

[17.Re1= 0.17/18]

17...Bc5∓ 18.Bc2 d6 19.Rb1 Bd7 20.b4 Bd4 21.Rb3 c5 -0.03/22

[21...cxd5!∓ -0.67/20 22.Nxd5 Ba4]

22.b5 f5 23.Bxe4? -2.18/21

[23.Bd3= -0.01/17]

23...Rxe4-+

[23...fxe4 24.Bb2=]

24.Nc2 -3.02/21

[⩲24.Re1 -2.10/20]

24...Bf6 25.f3? -5.10/20

[25.Na3 -2.55/19 was the only chance.]

25...Rxc4 26.Ne3 Rc3 27.Kf2 -7.69/21

[⩲27.Rxc3 -4.36/22 Bxc3 28.Rd1]

27...Rxb3 28.axb3 Bxb5 29.Nxf5 -8.15/22

[⩲29.Rd1 -4.62/21 g6 30.Nc4]

29...Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Endgame KRB-KBN **30...Rd8 31.Bf4 Be5 32.Be3 g6 33.Nh6+ Kg7 34.Ng4 a5 35.Ke2 b5 36.Kd3 Bxh2 37.Nxh2 a4 38.bxa4 bxa4 39.Bc1 Rb8 40.Kc2 h5 41.Nf1 Kf6**

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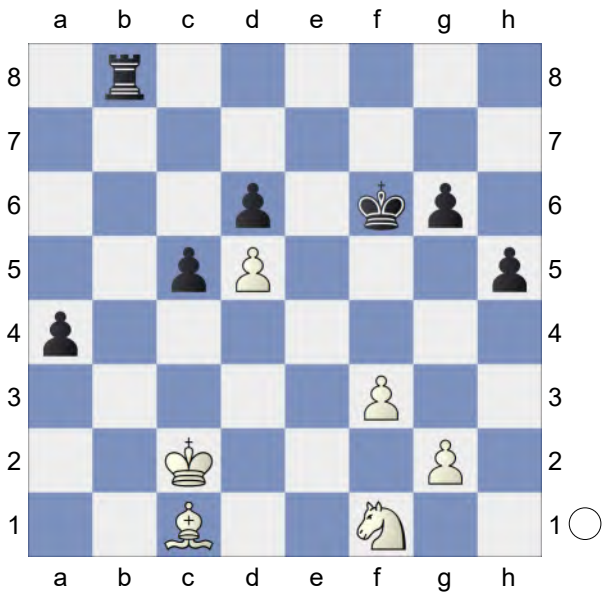


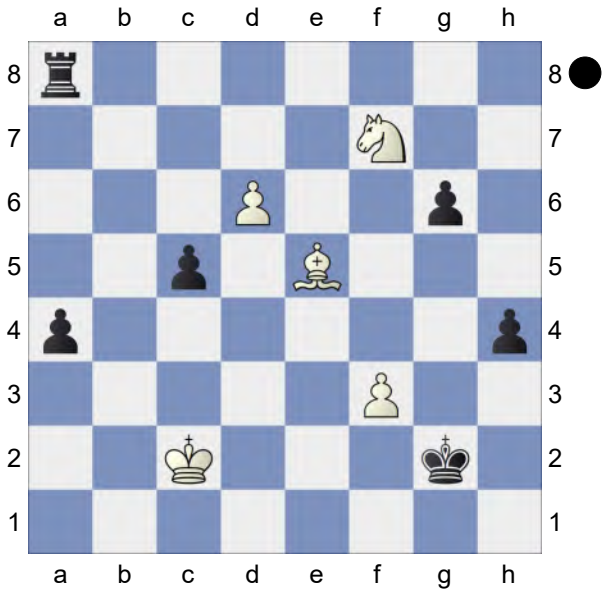
42.Bb2+ Kf5 43.Ne3+ Kf4 44.Nc4 Kg3 45.Nxd6 Kxg2 46.Nf7 h4 and ...h3! should not be overlooked

[46...Kxf3 47.d6=]

47.Be5 Ra8 -0.86/22

[47...Rf8-+ -6.52/23 is more deadly. 48.Ng5 Rf5 *(48...h3 49.d6∓)*]

48.d6∓



h3 -0.01/21

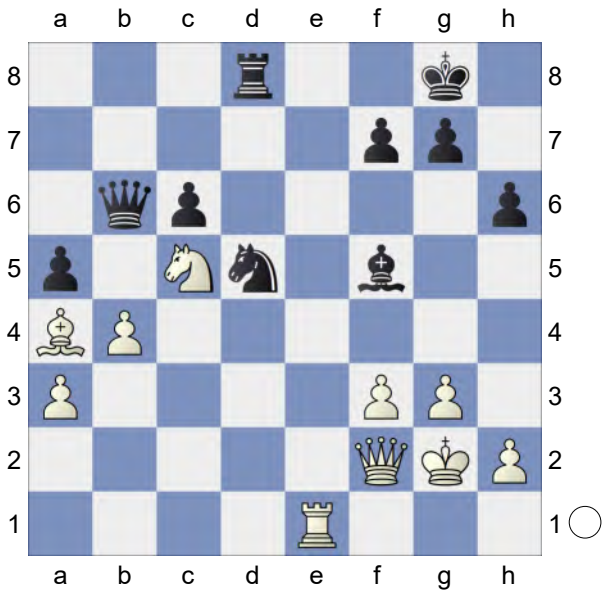
[48...Kxf3?! 49.d7=]

[Black should try 48...Ra7!∓ -1.13/22 49.Nd8 *(49.Nh8 g5-+)* 49...h3 *(49...Kxf3 50.Ne6±)*]

49.d7!= a3 50.d8Q Dodges a2. Some like it hot **50...Rxd8 51.Nxd8 h2**
[Don't play 51...Kxf3?! 52.Ne6±]
52.Bxh2 Kxh2 KN-K3P **53.f4 Kg3 54.Ne6 Kg4 55.Kb3 Kf5 56.Nxc5** The position is equal. **56...Kxf4 57.Kxa3** KN-KP **57...Kf3 58.Ne6 Ke4 59.Kb4 Ke5** Black has compensation. **60.Ng5 Kf5 61.Nh3 Kg4 62.Nf2+ Kf4 63.Nh3+ Kg3 64.Ng5 Kg4 65.Nf7 Kf5 66.Kc3 Kf6 67.Nd6 g5 68.Ne4+ Kf5** Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.60
69.Nxg5
½-½

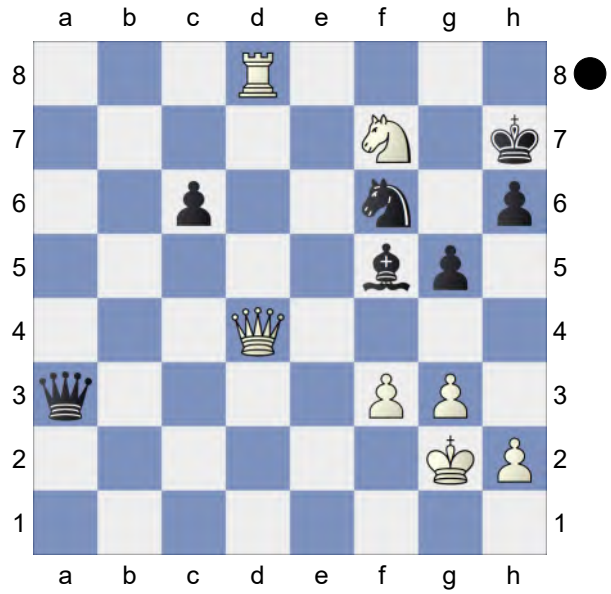
17 **C27**
□ **Grant Ward** **2584**
■ **Khatanbaatargm** **2636**
Blitz 12.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 -0.30/22
[6.Qxe5 0.10/22 0-0 7.d3]
6...0-0 0.23/22
[⌓6...Nc6 -0.30/22]
7.0-0 -0.24/22
[7.Nxe5 0.23/22 might be stronger. Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.0-0]
7...Nc6 0.21/21
[⌓7...e4 -0.24/22 8.Ne5 Nc6]
8.Nxe5= Nxe5
[8...Nd4 feels hotter. 9.Nd5 Bh4 10.Nxc7 Qxc7 11.Qxh4 N6f5]
9.Qxe5 Bf6 10.Qf4 Bg5 11.Qg4N
[11.Qf3 c6 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Raxc1 Qg5 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Qd3 d5 16.Ne2 Bd7 17.c3 Rae8 18.Bc2 g6 19.Ng3 Nd6 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.b3 Nb2 25.Qd2 Qxd2 0-1 (34) Maierhofer,J (2066)-Sarana,A (2686) PlusCity Grand Prix Blitz 2025 (1)]
11...c6 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Raxc1 Ne8 14.d5 Nf6 15.Qd4 d6! 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Rfd1 d5 18.Na4 Qc7 19.Nc5 Bg4 0.43/21
[19...Ng4!= 0.01/20 20.f4 Bf5]
20.f3 Bf5 21.c4 Rad8 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Qf2 Rfe8 24.Re1 h6 25.Kh1 Qf4 26.g3 Qb4 27.Kg2 Qb6 28.Ba4 Nb4 29.a3 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Nd5 0.39/21
[30...Nd3= 0.03/23 31.Nxd3 Rxd3]
31.b4 a5 1.14/27
[31...Bc8= 0.25/21]



32.bxa5!± Deflection **32...Qxa5 33.Nb7**
[33.Bxc6?! Qc3= *(33...Qxa3 34.Nb7±)*]
33...Qxa4 34.Nxd8 Strongly threatening Re8+. **34...Qxa3?** 5.39/24
[34...Bd7± 1.36/23]
35.Re8++- Deflection
[35.Nxc6 Qc3±]
35...Kh7 36.Nxf7
[36.Nxc6 Qa4 37.Re5 Qxc6 38.Rxf5

Ne3+ 39.Qxe3 Qc2+ 40.Qf2 Qxf5=]
36...Nf6 37.Rd8 4.64/21
[⌓37.Rh8+ #10/22 Kg6 38.Ne5+ Kh5 39.g4+ *(39.Nxc6 Qd6+-)* 39...Nxg4 40.fxg4+ Bxg4 41.Qf7+ *(41.Nxc6* leads to mate. *Bh3+ 42.Kh1 Qc1+ 43.Qg1 Qxc6+; 41.Nxg4 Kxg4 42.Rh7 Qh3+ 43.Kg1 g6+-)* 41...Kg5 42.h4+ *(42.Qxg7+ Kf4 43.Qxg4+ Kxe5 44.Re8+ Kd6 45.Qe6+ Kc5 46.Qe7+* Skewer *Kc4 47.Qxa3 Kd4)* 42...Kxh4 43.Rxh6+ Deflection *(43.Qxg7 Qg3+ 44.Kh1 Qe1+ 45.Kg2 Qe2+ 46.Kh1 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Qe1+ 49.Kh2 Qd2+ 50.Kg1 Qe3+ 51.Kh2 Qf4+ 52.Kg2 Qd2+ 53.Kh1 Qd1+ 54.Kg2 Qd2+ 55.Kg1 Qe3+ 56.Kh1 Qh3+ 57.Kg1 Qg3+ 58.Kh1 Qe1+ 59.Kg2 Qe4+ 60.Kh2 Qe2+ 61.Kh1 Qe1+=)* 43...gxh6 44.Qf6+ *(44.Nxc6? Bh3+ 45.Kf2 Qc5+ 46.Ke2 Bg4+ 47.Kd2 Qd6+ 48.Ke3 Qxc6-+)* 44...Kh5 45.Qg6+ Kh4 46.Qxg4#]
37...g5 38.Qd4? -0.16/23
[White should try 38.Ne5+- 5.90/22]

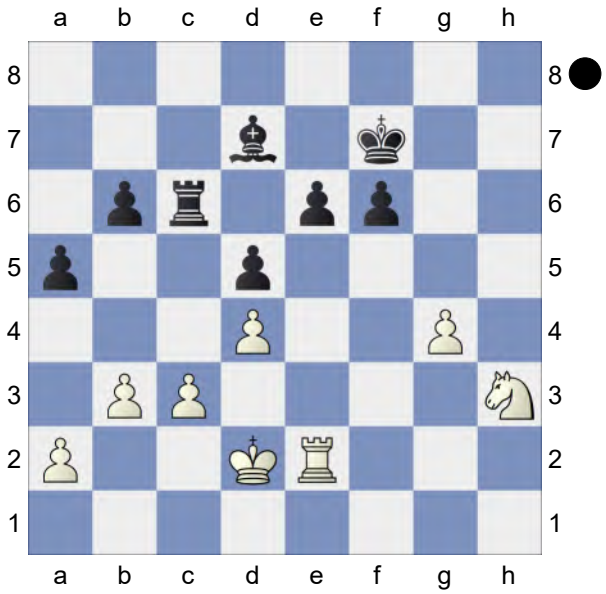


Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.57
38...Qe7? 6.41/24 Loss on time!?
[38...Qa2+= -0.16/23 39.Kg1 Bh3 *(39...Qxf7 40.Rd6∓)* 40.Nxg5+ *(40.Qxf6? Qg2#)* 40...hxg5 41.Rh8+ Decoy Kxh8 42.Qxf6+ Kh7 43.Qe7+ Kg6 44.Qe4+ Kh6 45.Qxc6+ Be6]
0-1

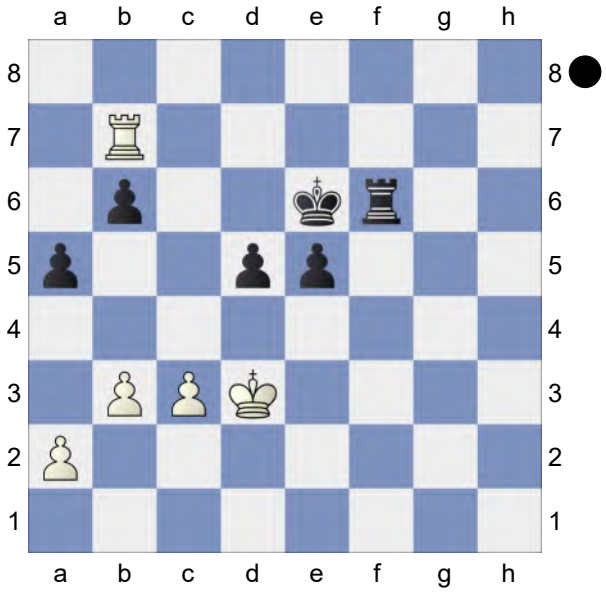
18 **C27**
□ **Fantastic11** **2544**
■ **Iakov98** **2694**
Blitz 08.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C27: Vienna Game: 2... Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Re8 0.37/22
[7...Nc6= -0.16/19 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 22.h4 Re6 23.Rfb1 g6 1-0 (41) Gazi,M (2728)-C 06/30 (2773) New Delhi 1990 (10.3)]
8.Nge2± Bf8N 1.17/21
[8...Nc6= 0.28/21 9.Qd5 b5]
[8...Bf6 9.Qf4 Nc6 10.Be3 g6 11.g4 g5 12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Ng3 Rf8 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Qf5 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Nef6 Rh8 22.Nh5+ Kh6 23.Qxf7 1-0 Bolland,W-MacMahon,P BCM tourney prel-04 1908]
9.Qh5 White is much more active. **9...g6 10.Qf3** 0.40/19
[10.Qg4!± 1.17/21]
10...Nc6! 11.0-0 Na5! 12.Bd5 -0.18/18

[12.Ng3± 0.51/21]
12...c6↑ White is under pressure. **13.Be4 Bg7** 0.79/23
[13...Nxe4= -0.29/19 14.Nxe4 Be7]
14.Bd3± Qf6 15.Bf4
[15.Qxf6 simplifies Bxf6 16.Bf4 Be7 17.Ng3]
15...Nac4 16.Qg3 -0.48/20
[16.Rab1± 0.36/20]
16...Nf5∓ 17.Bxf5 -1.15/22
[17.Qf3!∓ -0.32/21 Nxd4 *(17...Nxb2 18.Be5=)* 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Rfe1]
17...Qxf5∓ 18.b3 Nb6 0.01/19
[18...Na3∓ -1.18/21 and ...b6! should not be overlooked 19.Qd3 Qxd3 *(19...Nxc2 20.Qxf5 gxf5 21.Rad1=)* 20.cxd3 Nc2]
19.Bd6= Bf8 0.87/23
[19...Nd5!= 0.00/21 keeps the balance.]
20.Rfe1 Bxd6 21.Qxd6 Qe6 22.Qxe6 dxe6 23.Ng3 0.25/23
[23.Ne4± 0.78/21 And now Nf6+ would win. Rd8 24.c4]
23...Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Ne2 Bd7 26.Rac1 Rac8 27.c3 Bb5 28.Nf4 Rc7! 29.f3 Rec8 30.Re3 a5 31.Kf2 Bd7 32.Ke2 b6 33.Kd2 Kg7 34.Nd3 f6 0.51/21
[34...Bb5= 0.03/22]
35.Nf4 0.15/22
[35.a4± 0.51/21]
35...Kf7 36.Rce1 Re8 37.h4 h6 38.g4 g5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Nd3 Rh8 41.R1e2 -0.61/23
[41.f4= -0.01/21]
41...Rh1 -0.14/23
[41...Bb5∓ -0.61/23]
42.f4 gxf4 43.Nxf4 Rc6 44.Rh3
[44.Kc2 Rf1 45.Nd3 e5 46.dxe5 Bxg4 47.exf6 Bxe2 48.Ne5+]
44...Rxh3 45.Nxh3 Endgame
(Diagram)

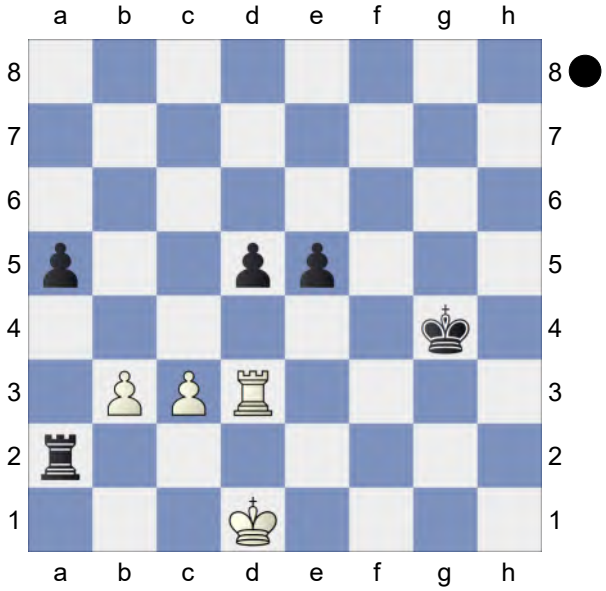


KRB-KRN **45...e5!** Discovered Attack **46.dxe5**
[46.Rg2 Kg6]
46...Bxg4 47.Re3 Bxh3 48.Rxh3 fxe5 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **49.Kd3?** -2.84/24
[49.Rh7+= -0.20/23 and White has nothing to worry. Kg6 50.Rd7]
49...Rf6 50.Rh7+ Ke6 51.Rb7

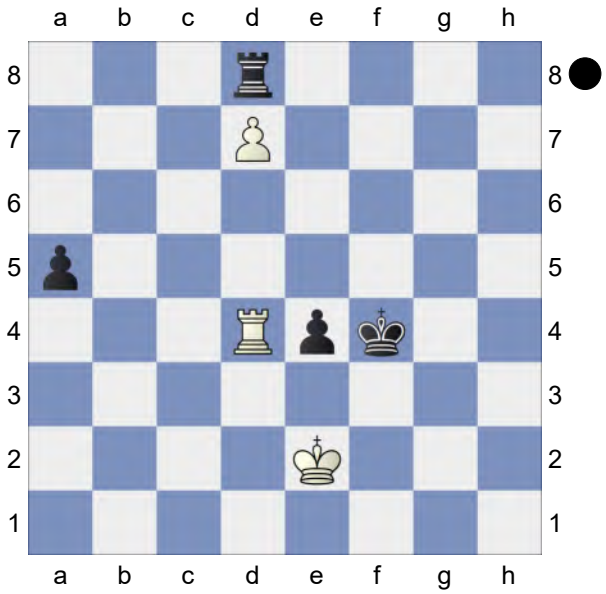


Kf5! 52.Rd7 -3.00/23
[⌓52.Ke3 -1.94/25]
52...Ke6? 0.01/22
[52...Kf4-+ -3.00/23 53.Rxd5 e4+

54.Ke2 Rc6]
53.Rb7 Rf3+ 54.Kd2 Rf2+ 55.Kd3? -2.39/28
[55.Ke3∓ -0.72/27 Rxa2 56.Rxb6+ Kd7 57.Rb5]
55...Rf3+? -0.01/26
[55...Rxa2-+ -2.39/28 56.Rxb6+ Kf5]
56.Kd2 Kf5 57.Rxb6 Ke4! 58.Rh6 -0.81/27
[58.Rb5!∓ -0.38/28 is more appropriate.]
58...Rf2+∓ Skewer **59.Kd1 Rxa2 60.Rh4+! Kf3 61.Rh5 Kf4 62.Rh4+ Kg5** -0.78/26
[⌓62...Kf5 -1.14/28 63.Rh5+ Ke6]
63.Rh3? -6.35/25
[63.Rh8∓ -0.78/26]
63...Kg4? -0.01/24
[63...e4-+ -6.35/25 64.Rh8 e3]
64.Rd3=

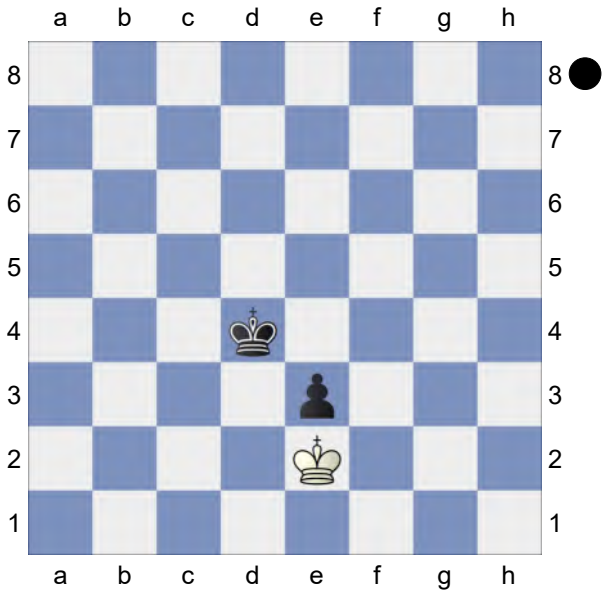


d4! 65.cxd4 e4 66.Rd2 Ra3 67.d5? -5.78/25
[67.Ke2!= 0.01/23]
67...Rxb3? 0.01/27
[Black should try 67...Kf3-+ -5.78/25 68.Kc2 e3]
68.d6 Rb8 69.d7 Rd8 70.Ke2 Kf4 71.Rd4



a4! Deflection **72.Rxa4**
[72.Rd6 looks sharper. Ke5 73.Rd2 Kf4 74.Rd6]
72...Rxd7 73.Ra3 Rb7 74.Rc3 Rb2+ 75.Ke1 Rh2 76.Ra3 Rg2 77.Rb3 Rc2 78.Ra3 Rh2 79.Rb3 Rg2 80.Ra3 Rg1+ 81.Ke2 Rh1 82.Rb3 Ra1 83.Rc3 Ra2+ 84.Ke1 Ke5 85.Rh3 Kd4 86.Rg3 Ra1+ 87.Ke2 Rb1 88.Rh3 Rb2+ 89.Ke1 Rc2 90.Rg3 Rh2 91.Ra3 Rg2 92.Rb3 Ke5 93.Ra3 Rb2 94.Rc3 Kf4 95.Ra3 Rc2 96.Rb3 Rg2 97.Ra3 Rg3 98.Rxg3 Kxg3 KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **99.Ke2 Kf4 100.Kf2 Ke5** 0.01/94
[100...e3+!∓ -0.62/94 101.Ke2 Kg5]
101.Ke3 Kd5 102.Ke2 -0.70/95
[102.Kd2= -0.20/94]
102...Kd4∓ 103.Kd2 e3+ 104.Ke2 -1.10/95
[White should play 104.Ke1∓ -0.54/94]

(Diagram)

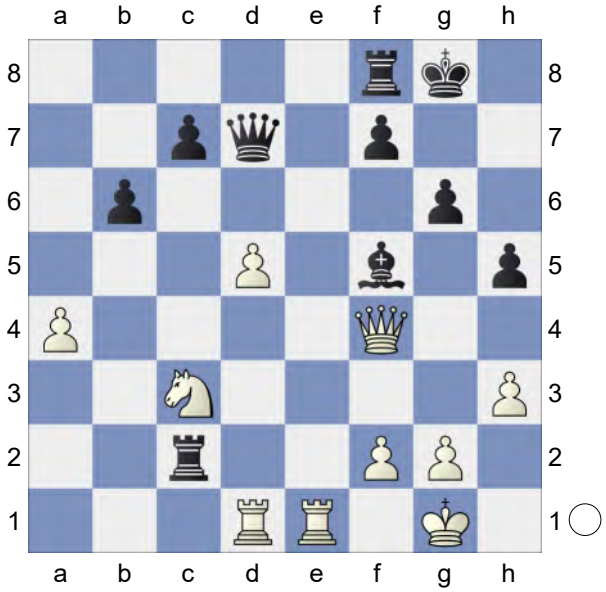


104...Ke4!∓ 105.Ke1 Kf3 (-> ...e2) **106.Kf1 e2+ 107.Ke1 Kg3!** (-> ...Kf3)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.37
108.Kxe2
½-½

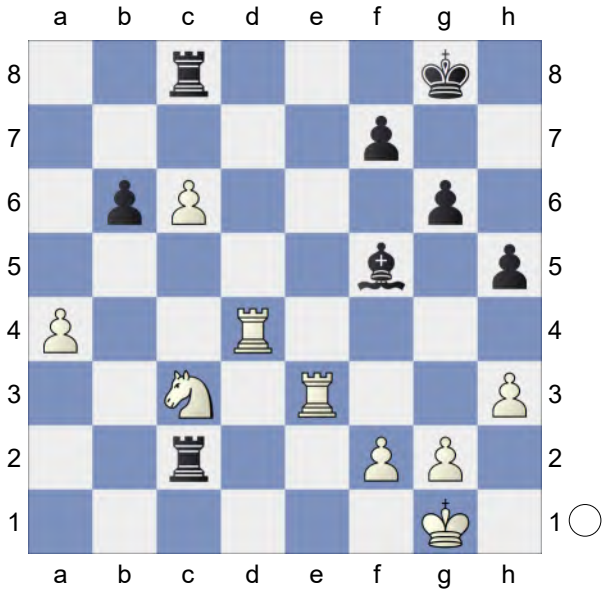
19 **C27**
□ **Shefffff** **2560**
■ **Aleksandrov73** **2752**
Blitz 25.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nf5 11.d3 a5N
[11...Nd4 12.Qg3 *(12.Qd1 a5 34) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5,5-5.Bb3 with 6.Nf3 #6 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense; 12.Qf4 a5 13.Be3 Ne6* C 27/04-N,N 2000) 12...a5 13.Re1 b5 14.a4 Be6 15.Bh6 Bd6 16.f4 Bxb3 17.cxb3 Nf5 18.Qh3 Nxh6 19.Qxh6 Qf6 20.Rf1 Rfe8 21.f5 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxd3 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Rad1 Qe3 25.Qh4 Qe7 26.Qh3 1-0 (41) Bologan,V (2656)-Naiditsch,A (2707) CRO-chT1A 20th 2011 (7.5)]
12.Be3 -0.51/18
[12.Re1= -0.14/20]
12...Bf6 0.05/20
[12...Nxe3∓ -0.51/18 13.fxe3 Kh8]
13.Rfe1 -0.77/21
[13.Ne4= 0.05/20]
13...Bg7 0.27/22
[13...Nxe3∓ -0.77/21 14.fxe3 Bg7]
14.h3 -0.27/20
[⌓14.Bc5 0.27/22]
14...h5 0.27/21
[⌓14...Nxe3 -0.27/20 15.Rxe3 Bd4]
15.a4 Qh4 0.77/22
[15...Nxe3= -0.01/21 16.Rxe3 Bf5]
16.Ne2 -0.54/22
[White should try 16.Bc5± 0.77/22]
16...Bxb2 17.Rab1 Bg7 -0.01/21
[17...Nxe3∓ -0.43/22 should be considered. 18.Rxb2 Nf5]
18.Bf4 Qd8 19.c3 Nh4 0.63/23
[19...Nd6∓ -0.36/20]
20.Qg3± White has compensation.
20...Nf5 3.69/22 Dodges Nd4
[20...b5± 0.67/20]
21.Qf3? -0.41/19
[21.Qxg6+- 3.69/22 b5 22.Qxh5 *(22.Qxc6 Bd7+-)*]
21...c5 0.01/19
[21...h4∓ -0.41/19]
22.Rbd1 -0.47/21
[22.d4= 0.01/19]
22...Ra6 23.d4! cxd4 24.cxd4 -0.82/20
[24.Nxd4= 0.01/21 Nxd4 25.cxd4]
24...Rb6 25.d5 -1.76/21
[25.Bd2∓ -0.55/20]
25...Bd7!-+ 26.Bc2 -2.08/20
[26.Rc1∓ -1.32/20 was necessary. c5 27.Rxc5]

26...Rb4? -0.27/22
[26...Nd6!-+ -2.08/20 aiming for ... Re8. 27.Rb1 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 b6]
27.Bd2 -1.17/21
[27.Bxf5!= -0.27/22 Bxf5 28.d6]
27...Rb2 -0.08/18
[27...Rc4∓ -1.17/21 28.Bb3 Rc5 *(28...Bxa4? 29.Bxc4 Bxd1 30.Rxd1+-)*]
28.Bxf5= Bxf5 29.Bxa5 Qd7
[29...Bc2!? 30.d6 Bxd1 31.Rxd1 b6∓]
30.Qf4 -1.23/23
[30.Bc3= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. Rb3 31.Nd4]
30...b6 -0.51/21
[Better is 30...Ra8!∓ -1.23/23 31.Bxc7 Rxa4]
31.Bc3 -3.91/26
[White has to play 31.Bd2!∓ -0.51/21]
31...Bxc3? 0.22/21
[31...Rxe2-+ -3.91/26 32.Rxe2 Bxc3]
32.Nxc3 Rc2 1.51/22
[32...Qd6± 0.37/23 33.Qg5 Rc8]



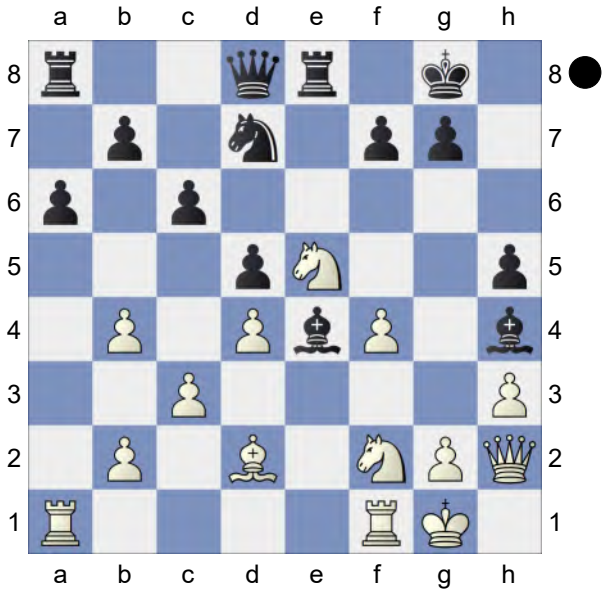
33.Re3 0.45/23
[33.Qe3!± 1.51/22]
33...Qd6± 34.Qd4 c5 1.36/25
[34...Qc5± 0.55/22]
35.dxc6± Discovered Attack **35...Qxd4**
36.Rxd4 Strongly threatening c7.
36...Rc8



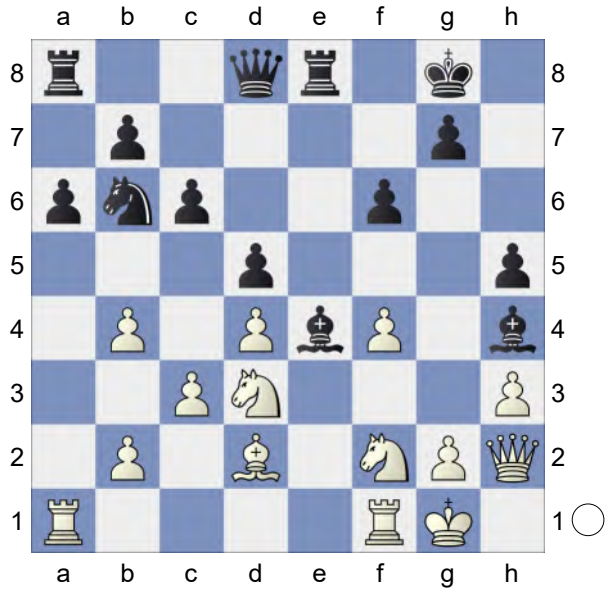
37.Nd5! Kg7 38.Ne7 White is more active.
[Reject 38.Nxb6?! R8xc6 39.Nd5 Rc1+ 40.Kh2 Rd6=]
38...Rc7 39.Nxf5+ gxf5 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **40.Rd7** 0.21/23
[40.Rg3+± 1.51/23 Kf6 41.Rh4]
40...R2xc6 The position is equal.
41.Ree7 Rxd7 42.Rxd7= KR-KR
42...Rc4 43.Rd5 Kg6 44.Rb5 Rxa4 45.Rxb6+ f6 46.Kh2 Ra1 47.Rb3 Ra2 48.Rg3+ Kh6 49.Rf3 Kg5 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.55
50.Kg3 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

20 **C27**
□ **Grant Ward** **2585**
■ **Jonaspradolobo** **2622**
Blitz 18.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Nxe5 Nc6 8.f4N -0.74/20
[8.0-0= 0.16/20]
[8.Nd5 Nxe5 *(8...Bf6 9.Ng4 Ne8 10.c3 g6 11.Ndxf6+ Nxf6 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Qe2 d6 14.d3 Be6 15.Bc2 Rfe8 16.Be3 Bd5 17.Rg1 b5 18.Kd2 b4 19.Qg4 Rab8 20.Qg5 bxc3+ 21.bxc3 Qxg5 22.Bxg5 Rb2 23.Be3* (49) Four Knights-5.♗c4 ♗c5_46561 Survey 2008 *)* 9.Qxe5 Re8 10.0-0 c6 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c5 12.d3 b5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Nxb5 c4 15.dxc4 Re4 16.Qg3 Nf5 17.Qc7 Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Rc8 19.Nd5 a5 20.c3 Bc5 21.Bc2 Rxc4 22.Nf4 Nh4 23.Bd3 Ra4 24.b3 Rxf4 25.Bxf4* 1-0 (38) Purdy,C-Soultanbeieff,V olm1 qual GP4 B1 corr 1946*)* 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
8...Nd4 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3
Black is slightly better. **10...Ne8** -0.11/23
[10...g6∓ -0.59/19 11.Qh3 Nf5]
11.d4
[11.f5 seems wilder. d6 12.Ng4 g6 13.fxg6 hxg6 14.Qh3]
11...d6 12.Nd3 Nf6 -0.01/22
[12...f5!∓ -0.42/19]
13.Qf3= c6 14.Bd2 -0.92/20
[14.f5= 0.14/18 remains equal.]
14...Bf5 15.h3 h5 -0.62/20
[15...d5∓ -1.02/19 16.g4 Ne4]
16.b4 -1.08/20
[16.d5∓ -0.62/20]
16...a6 -0.70/18
[16...Qb6∓ -1.08/20 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.cxd3 Qxb4]
17.Nd1 -1.20/21
[17.Rfe1∓ -0.70/18]
17...Re8∓ 18.N1f2 d5 -0.60/21
[18...Qd7∓ -1.34/20 19.Rfe1 Bf8]
19.c3 -1.00/20
[19.g4∓ -0.60/21 Be4 20.Qe3]
19...Be4 -0.49/21
[19...Ne4!∓ -1.00/20 20.Be1 Qd6]
20.Qg3 -0.90/20
[20.Qe2∓ -0.49/21]
20...Nd7 0.24/21
[20...a5∓ -0.90/20 21.bxa5 Bh7 *(21...Rxa5 22.Ne5∓)*]
21.Ne5 -0.60/25
[21.Nxe4= 0.24/21 dxe4 *(21...Bh4 22.Nf6+ Qxf6 23.Qf3=)* 22.Ne5]
21...Bh4∓ This pair of bishops is nice.
22.Qh2 -0.98/23
[22.Qe3∓ -0.49/26]



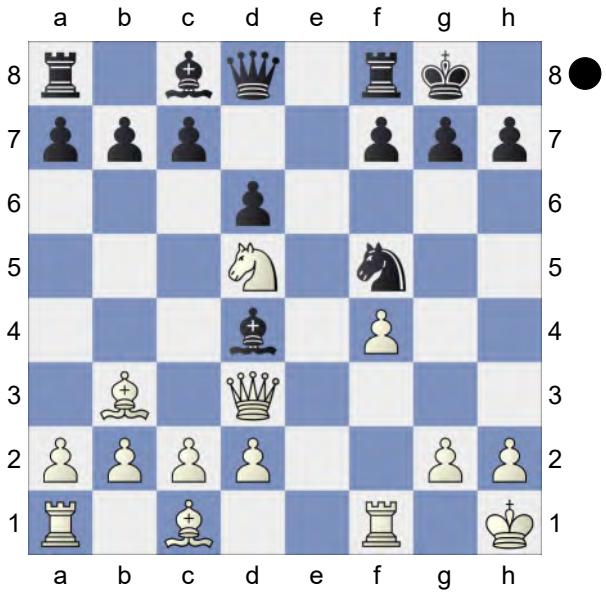
22...f6? 0.74/24
[22...Bxf2+!∓ -0.98/23 23.Rxf2 Nxe5 *(23...f6 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Qg3∓)* 24.dxe5 a5]
23.Ned3? -1.21/22
[23.Nxe4± 0.74/24 fxe5 *(23...dxe4 24.Nxd7 e3 25.Be1+-)* 24.Nd6]
23...Nb6? 1.41/20
[23...Bf5∓ -1.21/22 and life is bright. 24.Nc1 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Nb6]



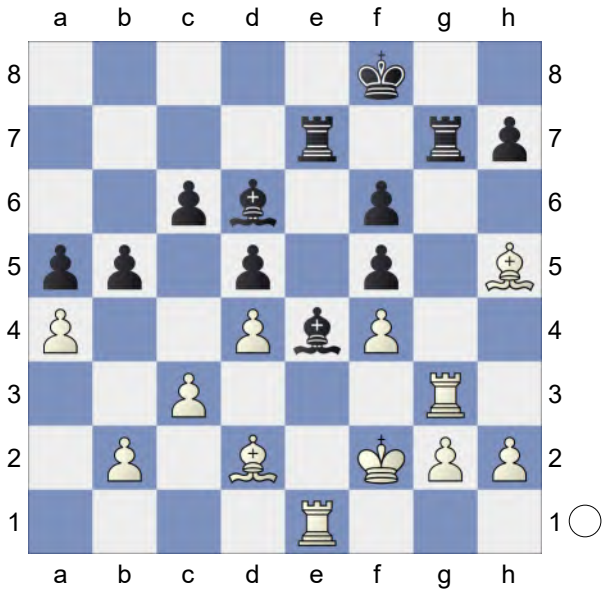
24.b3? -1.80/21
[24.g3!± 1.41/20 is forced if you want to stay better.]
24...Qd7? 0.01/24
[Black should try 24...Bxf2+-+ -1.80/21 25.Nxf2 Bc2]
25.Nc5 Qf5 26.g3 And now Nfxe4! would win. **26...Qg6⇄** Black is not holding back **27.Nfxe4 dxe4 28.f5** -0.35/20
[28.Be1= 0.25/21 f5 *(28...Nd5? 29.f5+-)* 29.Kh1]
28...Qxg3+ 29.Qxg3 Bxg3 30.c4 e3 31.Bc3 -3.88/21
[31.Be1∓ -0.50/22 Bxe1 *(31...e2 32.Rf3=)* 32.Raxe1]
31...e2-+ 32.Rfc1 Re3 33.Kg2? -6.80/22
[33.Be1 -3.28/22 Rae8 34.Nxb7]
33...Rae8 34.Be1 h4 35.Nxb7 Nc8 36.Rxa6 Rxb3 -2.99/20
[⌓36...Ne7 -7.01/20 37.Ra5 g6 *(37...Rxb3? 38.Bxg3 hxg3 39.Re1-+)*]
37.Nc5 Bxe1? -1.16/25
[37...Rbe3-+ -3.30/23 is more deadly. 38.b5 *(38.Bxg3? hxg3 39.Re1 Nd6-+)* 38...cxb5 39.cxb5 Ne7 *(39...Nd6 40.b6∓)*]
38.Rxe1∓ Rxb4 -0.77/25
[⌓38...Rg3+ -1.44/25 39.Kf2 Ree3 40.Rxc6 *(40.Rxe2 Ref3+ 41.Ke1 Rg1+ 42.Kd2 Nd6∓)* 40...Ne7]
39.Ne6 -1.56/23
[Better is 39.Rxc6 -0.77/25 Rxc4 40.Re6 Rxe6 41.fxe6]
39...Rxc4 40.Rxe2 Nd6 -0.37/23
[40...Rc3∓ -1.33/26 Threatens to win with ...Nd6. 41.d5 cxd5]
41.d5!∓ Nxf5 42.Rxc6 Rxc6 43.dxc6 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **43...Kf7**
[43...Rc8!? 44.c7□ g6=]
44.c7 Nd6 45.Nd8+ White has compensation. **45...Kf8 46.Rd2 Nc8 47.Rd7** -0.21/24
[⌓47.Nb7 0.25/22]
47...Re7= 48.Rd4 Rxc7? 5.23/24
[48...Ke8∓ -0.32/20 keeps the upper hand. 49.Rc4 Kd7]
49.Ne6++-
[49.Rxh4? perishes. Ke7 50.Rh8 Nd6-+]
49...Kf7 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.72
50.Nxc7
1-0

21 **C27**
□ **Sheffff** **2583**
■ **Edwardferrars** **2733**
Blitz 13.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Nxe5 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxe5
[8...Nd4 is interesting. 9.Nd5 c6 10.Nxe7+ Qxe7 11.Re1 N6f5]
9.Qxe5 Bf6 10.Qf4 White has an edge.
10...Bg5 11.Qg3N -0.34/21
[11.Qf3= 0.25/23 c6 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Raxc1 Qg5 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Qd3 d5 16.Ne2 Bd7 17.c3 Rae8 18.Bc2 g6 19.Ng3 Nd6 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.b3 Nb2 25.Qd2 Qxd2 26.Nxd2 0-1 (34) Maierhofer,J (2066)-Sarana,A (2686) PlusCity Grand Prix Blitz 2025 (1)]
11...Nf5∓ 12.Qd3 d6 13.f4 -0.83/22
[13.Ne4!= -0.28/19 keeps the balance.]
13...Bf6∓ 14.Nd5 Bd4+ 15.Kh1



c6 -0.41/24
[15...Qh4!∓ -1.33/24 16.Nxc7 Bd7 *(16...Bf2 17.Qh3±)*]
16.c3 -0.94/23
[16.Ne3!∓ -0.41/24 Bxe3 17.dxe3]
16...Bc5 17.Ne3 Qf6 -0.67/22
[17...g6∓ -1.11/24 Hoping for ...Qh4. 18.Nxf5 Bxf5]
18.Nxf5 -1.03/23
[18.Bc2∓ -0.67/22 might be stronger. g6 19.Qe2]
18...Bxf5
[Much weaker is 18...Qxf5?! 19.Qf3=]
19.Qg3 d5 20.d4 Bd6 21.Bd2 Rfe8 22.Rae1 Prevents Re2 **22...Be4** -0.82/22
[⌓22...h6 -1.29/22 23.Bd1 a5]
23.Bd1 Re7 -0.31/21 Black is more active.
[23...Qd8∓ -1.09/20 24.a4 Re6]
24.Qg5∓ Rae8 25.Qxf6 gxf6 26.Kg1 f5 27.Re3 f6 28.Rg3+ Rg7 29.Bh5 Ree7 30.Re1 Kf8 31.Kf2 a5 32.a4 b5

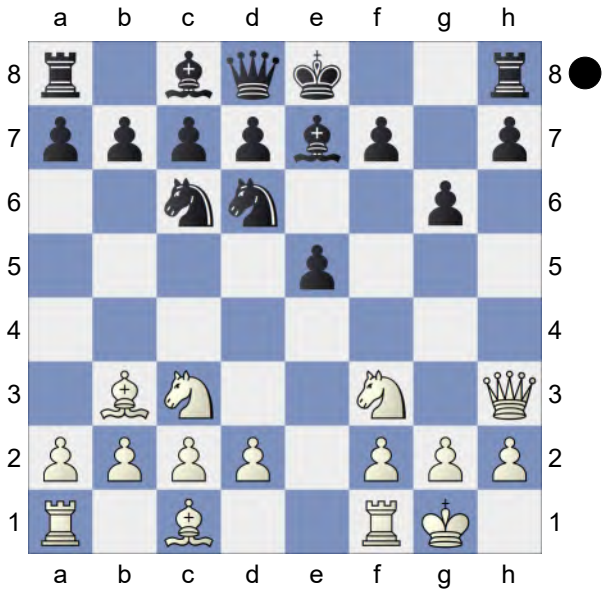


33.axb5 cxb5 34.Rxg7 Rxg7 35.g3 b4 36.Ra1 and cxb4 should not be overlooked **36...bxc3 37.bxc3** 0.01/24
[37.Bxc3± 0.47/28 Rb7 38.Rxa5]
37...Rb7? 1.86/25
[37...Ra7= 0.01/24]
38.Rxa5+- Rb1? 6.21/21

[38...Ke7 1.67/23 39.Ra8 Rb2 40.Re8+ Kd7]
39.Ra6? 2.18/27
[39.Bf3 6.21/21 Rb2 40.Bxe4 Rxd2+ 41.Ke3 Rxh2 42.Bxf5 *(42.Rxd5 fxe4 43.Rxd6 Ke7+-; 42.Bxd5 h5+-)*]
39...Be7 40.Ra8+ Kg7 41.Ra7 Kf8 42.Be2 Rh1 43.h4 Rh2+ 44.Ke3 Rh1? 4.52/23
[44...Rh3± 1.25/23]
45.c4? 0.01/23
[45.Bf3+- 4.52/23]
45...Rg1? 3.98/25
[45...dxc4= 0.01/23 and Black is okay. 46.Rc7 *(46.Bxc4 Rg1=)* 46...Rg1]
46.cxd5? -0.01/25
[46.c5+- 3.98/25]
46...Rxg3+= 47.Kf2 Rg2+ 48.Kf1 Bxd5 49.Rd7 Be4 50.d5? -7.02/24
[50.h5= 0.01/23]
50...Bc5-+ 51.Bc4 Bf3 52.Rd8+ Ke7 53.d6+ Kxd8 54.Ba5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.63
54...Kd7
0-1

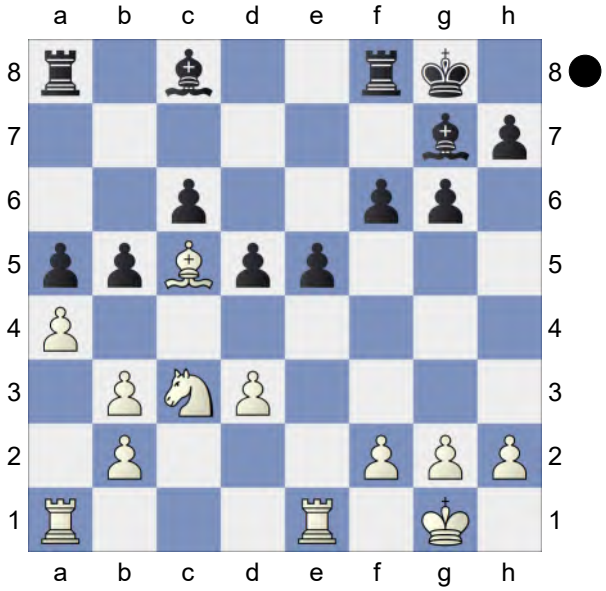
22 **C27**
□ **Shant7777777** **2911**
■ **Chopper1905** **2844**
Blitz 20.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6! 7.0-0N -0.95/23
[7.Nxe5∓ -0.31/23 g6 8.Nxc6 *(8.Qe2 Nd4 9.Qd3 Nxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.0-0 c6* 23) Vienna 3.Bc4-Vienna 3.Bc4 with 4.Qh5 Nd6 5*)* 8...dxc6 9.Qe2 *(9.Qf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nf5 11.d3 Nd4 12.Qf4 a5 13.Be3 Ne6* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO SMALL 2003 *)*]
[7.Nb5 g6 8.Nxd6+ cxd6 9.Qh6 e4 10.Qg7 Rf8 11.Ng1 a5 12.a4 Bf6 13.Qh6 Nd4 Vienna Game 2.Nc3 3. Bc4-Vienna Game 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4. Qh5]
[7.d3 g6 8.Qh3 Nf5 9.g4 Nfd4 10.Bh6 Bf8 11.Bxf8 Rxf8 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.0-0-0 d6 14.f4 h5 15.Qe3 Bxg4 16.Rde1 Nxb3+ 17.axb3 Be6 18.fxe5 d5 19.Nb5 a6 20.Nd4 Qe7 21.Rhf1 0-0-0 0-1 (62) Jaffe Charles-Alekhine,A It Carlsbad (Czech Republic) 1911 (12)]
7...g6∓ 8.Qh3 -1.43/23
[⌓8.Qg4 -0.91/23]



8...0-0 -0.79/22
[8...Nf5! -1.43/23 9.Qg4 d6]
9.d3 Black is better. **9...Nf5 10.Nd5 d6 11.Re1** -1.32/24
[White should play 11.g4 -0.94/24 Nfd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bh6]
11...Nfd4 12.Qg3 Nxf3+ -0.77/23

[12...Be6 -1.46/23 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Nxd4 Nxd4]
13.Qxf3 Nd4 14.Qg3 -3.61/24
[14.Nxe7+∓ -0.75/19 Qxe7 15.Qd1]
14...Bh4-+ 15.Qe3 c6 16.Nc3 a5 17.Qh6 Bf6 18.Be3 Bg7 19.Qg5 Qxg5 20.Bxg5 b5 21.a4 Nxb3 22.cxb3 f6 23.Be3 d5 24.Bc5



b4 25.Bxf8 Bxf8 26.Ne2 c5
Black has strong compensation. **27.f3** -2.32/20
[⌓27.f4 -1.80/19]
27...Ba6 28.Rad1 Kf7 29.Ng3 -2.24/19
[⌓29.f4 -1.80/20]
29...Bh6 30.Nf1 Ke6 White is weak on the dark squares **31.Kf2 Kd6 32.Ne3** -2.46/21
[⌓32.h4 -1.99/22]
32...f5 -1.22/24
[32...Bc8-+ -2.46/21 ...Be6 would now be deadly. 33.g3 Be6]
33.h4 -2.02/21
[33.Nc4+∓ -1.22/24 was necessary. dxc4 34.dxc4+ Ke6 35.Rd5]
33...Rf8 34.Nc4+ Bxc4 -0.12/23
[Black should play 34...dxc4∓ -1.42/25 35.dxc4+ Ke6]
35.dxc4∓ -3.94/23 Endgame KRR-KRB
[35.bxc4= -0.12/23 d4 36.Ke2]
35...d4-+ 36.Kg3 Re8 37.h5 e4
[37...gxh5 38.Kh3-+]
38.hxg6 hxg6 39.Rh1 -7.41/20
[⌓39.Kf2 -4.98/21 Bg7 40.Rb1]
39...Bg5 40.f4 -7.29/22
[⌓40.Kf2 -4.86/21 d3 41.g3]
40...Bf6 41.Rh6 Rg8 42.Kf2 d3 43.g4 Ke6
[And not 43...fxg4 44.Ke3±]
[Not 43...Bxb2 44.gxf5 Ke7 *(44...Bd4+ 45.Ke1∓)* 45.Rxg6 *(45.fxg6 Bd4+ 46.Ke1 Be3∓)* 45...Bd4+ 46.Ke1 Rxg6 *(46...Bc3+ 47.Kf2∓)* 47.fxg6∓]
44.Kg3 Bxb2 45.Rdh1 Bc3 46.Rh7 e3 47.Ra7 e2 48.Kf2 fxg4 (-> ...Bd4+) **49.Ra6+ Kf5** (-> ...Rh8) **50.Rxa5**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.36/ Black=0.67
50...Kxf4
0-1

23 **C27**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2714**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2716**
Charity Cup Prelim rapid (7.5) 20.03.22
[Kitty Kat]

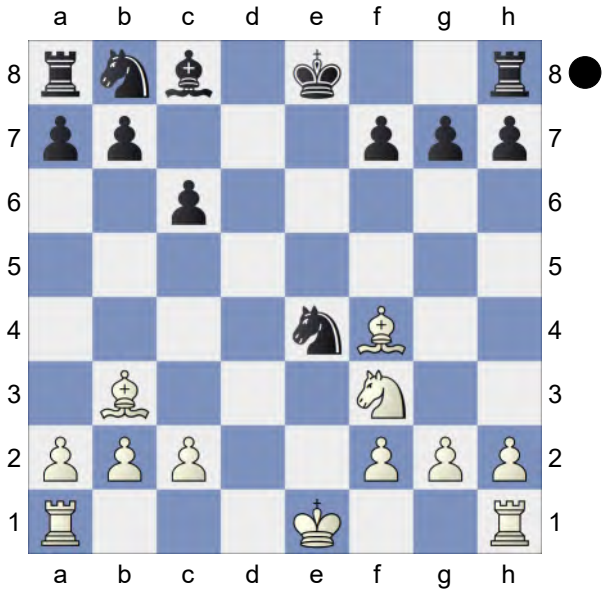
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nd5
[6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 1-0 (41) Firouzja,A (2728)-Aronian,L (2773) Online Nations Cup Prelim 2020 (10.3)]
[6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6

9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]

6...c6 7.Nxe7 Qxe7 8.d4 Black is slightly better. **8...Ne4N** 0.70/21 Against Bg5

[Black should try 8...exd4+= -0.23/21 9.Ne2 g6 *(9...Ne4 10.0-0 d5 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.Re1 Qf6* 34) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5,5-5.Bb3 with 6.Nd5 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense *)*]

9.Qxe5± Qxe5 10.dxe5 d5 11.exd6 Nxd6 12.Bf4 Ne4 13.Nf3



0-0 14.Be3 White is more active. **14...Nd7 15.0-0-0 Ndc5 16.Bc4 Be6** 1.76/22

[16...Bg4± 1.19/21 17.Rd4 Rae8]

17.Be2 a5 18.a3 Rfe8 19.Rhe1 b5 2.66/22

[19...a4± 1.33/21 20.Ne5 Bd5]

20.Nd4 b4 3.60/24

[⌓20...Bd7 2.19/21 21.Bf3 f6]

21.Nxe6+-

[21.Nxc6 bxa3 22.bxa3 Na4=]

21...Nxe6 22.Bf3 f5 23.g4 bxa3 24.bxa3 Nc7 25.gxf5 Nd5 26.Bd4 This pair of bishops is nice. **26...Nd6** 4.99/23

[⌓26...Ndf6 3.56/22 27.Rg1 *(27.Bxf6 Nxf6 28.Bxc6 Rxe1+-)* 27...Kf7]

27.Re5 Rad8 28.Bxd5+ cxd5 29.Rxd5 Nc4 Prevents Bb6 **30.Rc5 Rc8 31.Rxc8 Rxc8** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **32.Rd3 Re8 33.Bc3** 2.39/26 Dodges Re1+

[⌓33.a4 4.18/22]

33...Re4? 5.82/25

[33...Re2 2.39/26 34.Rd8+ Kf7]

34.Rg3 Rf4 6.32/25

[⌓34...g6 4.36/24 35.fxg6 hxg6 36.Rxg6+ Kf7]

35.Rxg7+ Kf8 36.Rc7

[36.Rxh7 Rxf2 37.Kd1 *(37.Rh8+ Kf7±)* 37...Ne3+ 38.Ke1 Rxc2±]

36...Nxa3 37.Be5

[37.Rxh7 Rxf2 38.Bxa5 Rxc2+ 39.Kd1 Rf2±]

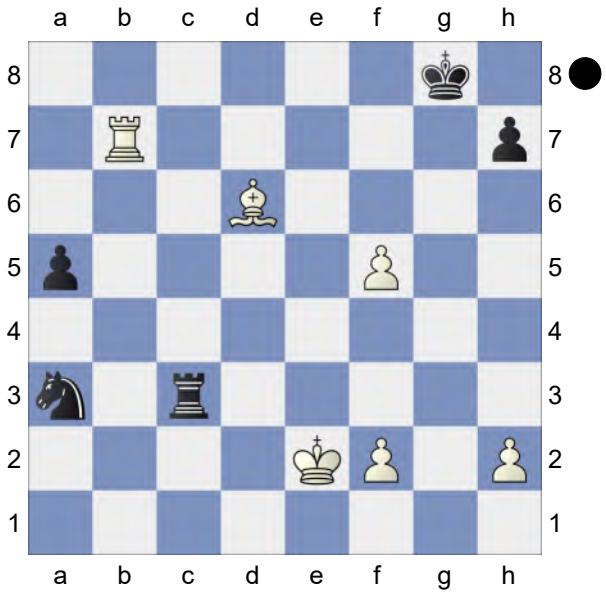
37...Rc4 38.Bd6+

[38.Rxh7 Rxc2+ 39.Kd1 Rxf2=]

38...Kg8 39.Rb7 3.55/28

[⌓39.Kb2 8.23/26]

39...Rxc2+ 40.Kd1 Rc3 41.Ke2



Dodges Rd3 **41...Nc4?** 5.07/25

[41...Rc2+ 2.74/26 keeps fighting. 42.Ke1 Rc1+ 43.Kd2 Rc2+ 44.Kd1 *(44.Kd3 Rxf2 45.f6 Rxf6+-)* 44...Rc3]

42.Rc7? 0.01/27

[42.Bg3+- 5.07/25]

42...Rc2+= 43.Kf3 And now Kg4 would win. **43...Nd2+ 44.Ke3 Nc4+**

[44...Rxc7 simplifies 45.Bxc7 Nb3 46.Bd6 Kf7]

45.Kd3 Rd2+ 46.Kxc4 Rxd6 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **47.Ra7 Rd2 48.f4**

[48.Rxa5 Rxf2 49.Kd4 Kg7=]

48...h5 49.h4 Rd1 50.Rxa5 Kf7 51.Ra6 Rd2 52.Kc5 Rd1 53.Rh6 Rd2 54.Kc4 Rd1 55.Kc3 Kg7 56.Rg6+ Kf7 57.Ra6 Rd5 58.f6 Kg6 59.Re6 Rf5 60.Re4 Rxf6 61.Kd3 Kf5 62.Ke3 Kg4 63.Re8 Kxh4 64.Rg8 Kh3 65.Ke4 Ra6 66.f5 Ra4+ 0.53/29

[66...Kh2= 0.01/29]

67.Ke5± Ra5+ 68.Ke6 Ra6+ 69.Kf7 h4 70.f6 Kh2 71.Kg7 0.25/26

[71.Ke7± 0.66/32]

71...h3= 72.f7 Ra7 73.Kg6 Rxf7 74.Kxf7 KR-KP **74...Kh1 75.Kf6 h2 76.Kg5 Kg2 77.Kf4+ Kf2 78.Ra8** Intending Ra2+ and mate. **78...h1Q** 0.84/84

[78...h1R= -0.01/43 remains equal.]

79.Ra2+± Kg1 0.39/28

[79...Kf1± 0.84/84 80.Ra1+ Kg2 81.Rxh1 Kxh1]

80.Ra1+± Kg2 0.35/28

[80...Kh2± 0.86/91 81.Rxh1+ Kxh1]

81.Rxh1 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.59

81...Kxh1

½-½

24 **C27**

□ **Pawarchess11** **2738**

■ **Friendlyfish** **2995**

Blitz 10.12.2021

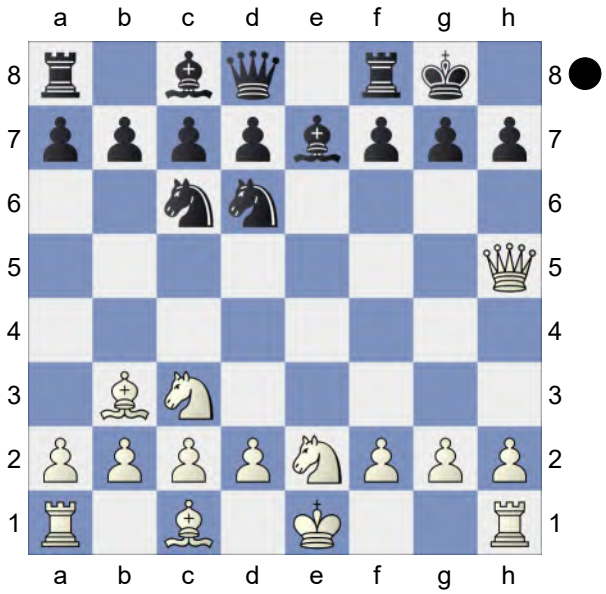
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2 -0.31/22

[7.Nf3= 0.05/23 was preferable.]

7...Nc6∓ 8.Qh5



Na5N 3.36/22

[8...g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.0-0 *(10.Nd5 d6 11.Qc3 Be6 12.d4 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Ncxd4 14.Nxd4 Bf6 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Qd2 c6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bd3 Re8 19.c3 Ne6 20.f4 Nc5 21.f5 Bg5 22.Qc2 Bxc1 23.fxg6 Be3+ 24.Kh1 fxg6* 0-1 (34) 3.Nc3 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B (2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4) *25.Bxg6 Re7 26.Rae1 Qd6 27.Bf7+ Kh8 28.b4 Nd7 29.Qd3 Bh6 30.Qh3 Rf8 31.Bh5 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Qe5 33.Rg1 Nf6 34.Bf3 Bg7* 0-1 3.♘c3 27460 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B

(2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4)) 10...Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Ne4 0-1 (30) Costantini,M (1816)-Mauro,L (2090) OS022 corr 1996 b5 24.c3 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Bf8 26.Rfe1 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Qf5 28.Re1 Ra7 29.Re8 Kg7 30.Bh6+ 1-0 Dr C Scholtens (2476)-Torre Attack,C (2211) 83/160 Leon 2001 (11)]

9.Qxa5+- b6 10.Qh5 g6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Qh3 Nf5 13.Bd5 c6 14.Be4 Ng7 15.0-0 d5 16.Bf3 Bc8 17.Bg4 f5 2.24/24

[17...Bb7 1.81/21 was worth a try. 18.Bf3 d4]

18.Bf3 f4 2.81/23

[⌓18...g5 1.97/20 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Nxd5 Bc5]

19.Bg4 Bb7 3.64/23

[⌓19...Bxg4 2.16/20 20.Qxg4 g5]

20.d4 Qd6 21.Qf3 2.40/21

[⌓21.Nxf4 4.08/26 Rxf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.fxg3 *(24.hxg3 Bf6+-)*]

21...h5 22.Bh3

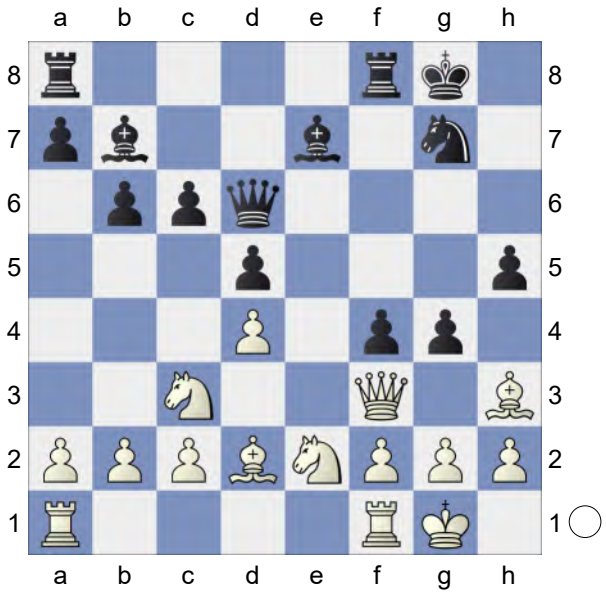
[22.Bxf4 hxg4 23.Bxd6 *(23.Qxg4 Qe6±)* 23...gxf3 24.Bxe7 Rfe8]

22...g5 23.Bd2 1.05/23

[23.g4+- 2.53/23]

23...g4±

(Diagram)



24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Qxg4 f3 3.27/23

26.Nf4

[26.gxf3 Bc8 27.Bf4 Bxg4±]

26...fxg2 27.Rfe1

[27.Nxg2 Qe6 28.Qxe6+ Nxe6±]

27...Rf6? 4.49/20

[27...Qf6 2.70/19 28.Qxg2 *(28.Kxg2 Bc8±)* 28...Kf7]

28.Re5+-

[28.Qxg2 Raf8±]

[28.Nxg2 Rg6 29.Qe2 Re8±]

[28.Kxg2 Raf8 29.Re5 Bc8±]

28...Bc8 5.05/20

[⌓28...Re8 3.60/18 29.Qxg2 *(29.Kxg2 Bc8+-)* 29...Kf7]

29.Qg3 Bf5 30.Rae1

[30.Qxg2 Raf8±]

[30.Nxg2 Rg6 31.Qe3 Bg5=]

30...Bf8 31.a3

[31.Nxg2 Bxc2 32.Bg5 Rf7+-]

[31.Qxg2 Rf7 32.Re6 Bxe6 33.Rxe6 Qc7±]

[31.Kxg2 Qc7 32.Qh4 Rf7±]

31...Rd8 32.Nce2

[32.Qxg2 Rd7 33.Nce2 Rdf7+-]

[32.Kxg2 Rf7 33.Rg1 Rdd7+-]

32...a5 33.c4

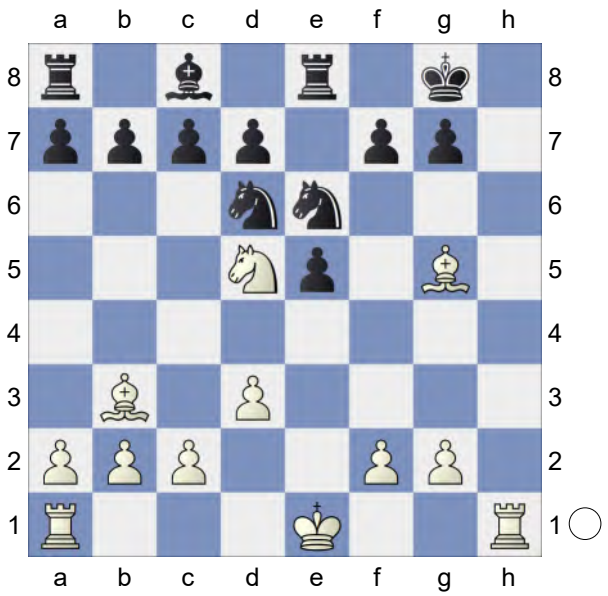
[33.Kxg2 Bxc2 34.Rg5 Kf7±]

33...dxc4 34.Bc3
[34.Qxg2 Rd7 35.Ng3 Rdf7±]
[34.Kxg2 Rf7 35.Nh3 Bxh3+ 36.Qxh3 Re8 37.Rxe8 Nxe8±]
34...b5 35.d5? 1.73/19
[35.Kxg2 b4±]
[35.Nxg2 Rg6 36.Qf3 b4±]
[35.Bxa5 5.21/21 Ra8 36.Bc3]
35...b4 36.axb4 0.91/16
[36.Nd4!+- 2.08/21 is more deadly. bxc3 37.Nxf5 Qxe5 38.Rxe5 cxb2 39.Ne7+ Bxe7 40.Re1]
36...axb4± 37.dxc6? -1.24/24
[37.Nd4 bxc3 38.bxc3 *(38.Rxf5? cxb2 39.Kxg2 c3-+; 38.Nxf5 Rxf5 39.Rxf5 cxb2=)* 38...Bh7±]
[37.Bd4± 1.16/22 and life is bright.]
Black continues to play with concentration. **37...bxc3∓ 38.Rd5** -1.54/21
[White should play 38.Qxc3 -1.02/22 Qxc6 39.Nd4]
38...Qe7 39.Rxd8 Qxd8 40.Nxc3 -3.30/19
[40.Qxc3 -1.76/23 is the only way for White. Rxc6 41.Ng3]
40...Rxc6-+ 41.Ncd5 Rd6 42.Qf3 -3.52/21
[⌓42.Qc3 -2.44/19]
42...Ne6 43.Qg3+ Bg7 44.Nxe6 Rxe6 45.Rxe6 Bxe6 46.Nf4 aiming for Qxg7+!. **46...Qd1+ 47.Kxg2 Bd5+ 48.Nxd5 Qxd5+ 49.f3 Qd2+ 50.Kh3 Qxb2 51.Qc7 Qd4 52.Qc8+ Kf7** and ...c3 would now be decisive **53.Qf5+ Qf6 54.Qd7+ Qe7 55.Qd5+ Qe6+ 56.Qxe6+ Kxe6** KB-KPP **57.Kg4 c3 58.f4 c2 59.f5+ Kf7 60.Kf4 c1Q+ 61.Kg4 Qh6 62.h4 Bf6 63.h5 Qg5+ 64.Kf3 Qxh5+ 65.Ke3 Qxf5** (-> ...Bc3) **66.Kd2 Bd8** Black mates. **67.Kc3 Ke6 68.Kc4 Qd5+ 69.Kb4 Ke5 70.Kc3 Qe4 71.Kb3 Kd5 72.Kb2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.64
72...Qc4 -12.31/5
[⌓72...Kc4 -#4/10 73.Kc1 Qd3 74.Kb2 Qb3+ 75.Kc1 Bg5#]
0-1

25 **C27**
□ **Smoking Samra** **2779**
■ **Victorantonbologan** **2752**
Blitz 12.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

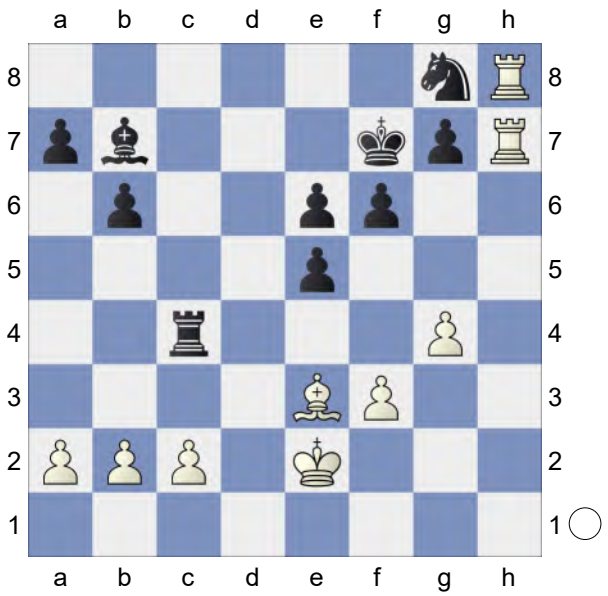
Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.h4 0-0 0.01/19
[6...Nc6∓ -0.35/20]
7.Nf3!= Nc6 8.Ng5 The position is equal. **8...h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5**
[9...hxg5 10.hxg5 Re8 11.Qh7+ Kf8 12.Qh8#]
10.hxg5→ White has some attack.
10...Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Nd4N 0.23/23
[12...g4 -0.21/22 should be considered.]
[12...Nf5 13.Bxg5 Ncd4 14.Nd5 Nxb3 15.Nf6+ Wirius,S-Tate,A 70/241 Yopal 1997]
13.Nd5! Re8 3.14/23 Inhibits Ne7+.
[13...N6f5= 0.04/23 and Black is okay.]
14.Bxg5+- White wants to mate with Nf6+!.
[14.Nxc7 b6 15.Bxg5 *(15.Nxa8 Bb7+-)* 15...Bb7+-]
14...Ne6

(Diagram)

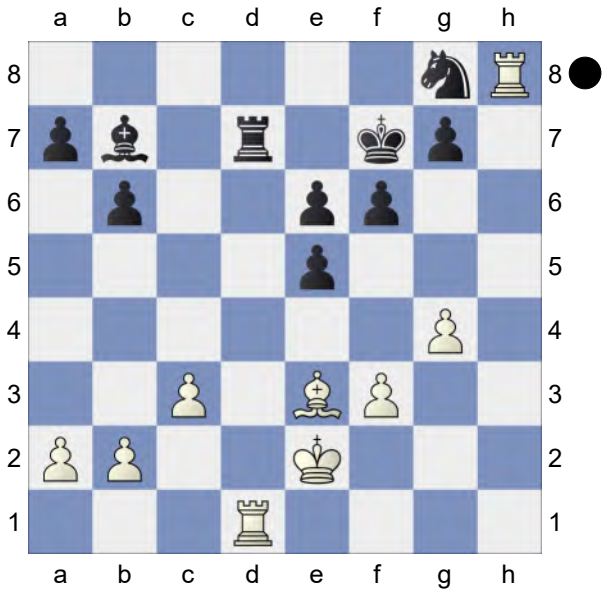


15.Ne7+? 1.17/5
[15.Rh5!+- 2.95/21 is the precise move to win.]
15...Rxe7± 16.Bxe7 Nf5 17.Bxe6 dxe6 18.Bc5 b6 19.Be3 Bb7 20.Rh2 f6 21.g4 Ne7 22.Ke2 Repels Bf3+
22...Kf7 23.f3 c5 24.Rah1 Rc8 1.65/21
[24...Ng6± 1.11/20 25.Rh7 Nf8]
25.Rh8+- Ng8? 3.02/21
[25...Rc7± 1.03/20 was necessary.]
26.R1h7? 0.99/20
[26.g5+- 3.02/21]
26...c4± 27.dxc4 White is more active.
27...Rxc4

(Diagram)



28.c3 Rc7 29.Rh1 Strongly threatening g5. **29...Rd7** 1.66/22
[29...Ne7± 0.65/20]
30.Rd1?? -6.01/24
[30.g5+- 1.66/22 fxg5 31.Bxg5]



30...Bxf3+!-+ Deflection **31.Kxf3 Rxd1** Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **32.Rh2 Ne7 33.c4 Nc6 34.Rh8 Nd4+ 35.Bxd4 Rxd4** KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **36.b3 Rd2 37.a4 Rb2 38.Ra8 Rxb3+ 39.Kf2 Rb4 40.Rxa7+ Kg6 41.a5 bxa5 42.c5**

Rc4 43.Rxa5 Kg5 44.Kf3 e4+ Deflection **45.Ke3 f5 46.gxf5 exf5** Strongly threatening ...Kg4. **47.Ra7 f4+ 48.Kd2 g6 49.Re7 e3+ 50.Kd3 Rxc5 51.Re8 Kg4 52.Ke2 g5 53.Kd3 Rd5+ 54.Ke4 Rd2 55.Ra8 e2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.43
56.Ra1 Loss on time!?
1-0

26 **C27**
□ **Night King96** **2875**
■ **Filolog** **2692**
Blitz 19.08.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.f4N -0.62/23
[6.Qxe5= -0.04/23 0-0 7.Nf3 *(7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1* ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2782)-Giri,A (2734) 76th Tata Steel Masters 2014 (7.3) *)* 7...c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2715)-Motylev,A (2641) 148/98 Russia 2021]
[6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3* N,N-N,N Analyse 1996*)* 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]
[6.d3 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.h4 Ne8 10.Nd5 Nf6 11.Qg6 1-0 Hounie Fleurquin,C-2. ♘e2 (ol) 55/469 Manila 1992]
6...exf4 -0.25/24
[6...g6∓ -0.62/23 7.Qxe5 0-0]
7.d4 0-0 8.Bxf4 Black has an edge.
8...Nc6 0.55/22
[8...Ne8∓ -0.40/23]
9.0-0-0 -0.30/21
[9.Nf3± 0.55/22]
9...Ne8= 10.Nd5 Strongly threatening Nh3. **10...Nf6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Nf3** -0.41/24
[12.c3= -0.04/23]
12...Ne7 1.02/26
[12...g6∓ -0.41/24 keeps the upper hand. 13.Qb5 d6]
13.Ng5 0.64/21 White has more active pieces.
[13.Be5± 1.02/26]
13...Bxg5± 14.Bxg5
[14.Qxg5 d5=]
14...d5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxd5 Rde1 is in the air **16...c6 17.Rde1 Qd6** 2.76/25
[17...Be6= 0.28/24 18.Bxe6 fxe6]

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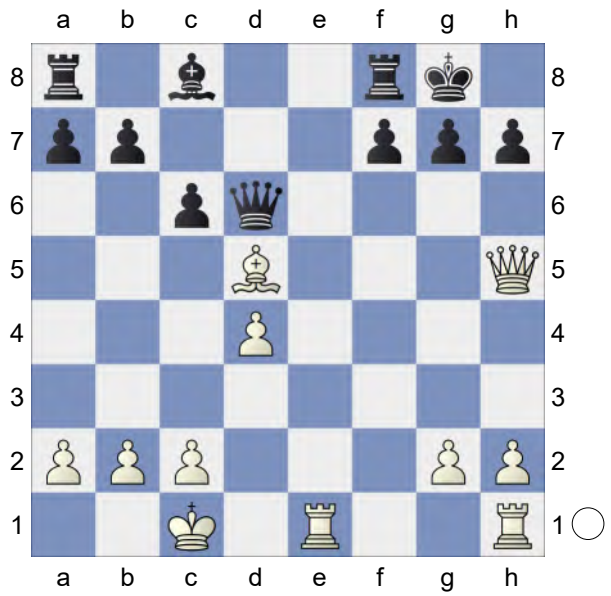

18.Bb3? 0.01/22
[18.Bxf7+!+- 2.76/25 Rxf7 19.Re8+ Rf8 20.Rf1]
18...Be6=
[18...Qxd4 19.Qxf7+ Rxf7 20.Re8#]
19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Re4 Rf4 21.Rhe1 Rxe4
[21...Raf8 is interesting. 22.Rxe6 Qxd4 23.Re8 h6]
22.Rxe4 Endgame KQR-KQR **22...Rf8**
23.Qe2 -1.21/22
[23.b3= 0.01/21]
23...Qxh2∓ Strongly threatening ...Qg1+.
24.b3 Qg1+ -0.25/23
[24...Rf4∓ -0.79/24]
25.Kb2= Qf2 0.48/23
[Better is 25...Rf6∓ -0.35/24]
26.Qc4!± Kh8 0.62/22
[26...Qxg2? loses. 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Qf7+-]
[26...h5!= 0.14/23 should be considered.]
27.Qxe6 Qxg2? 10.63/25
[27...h6= 0.23/22]

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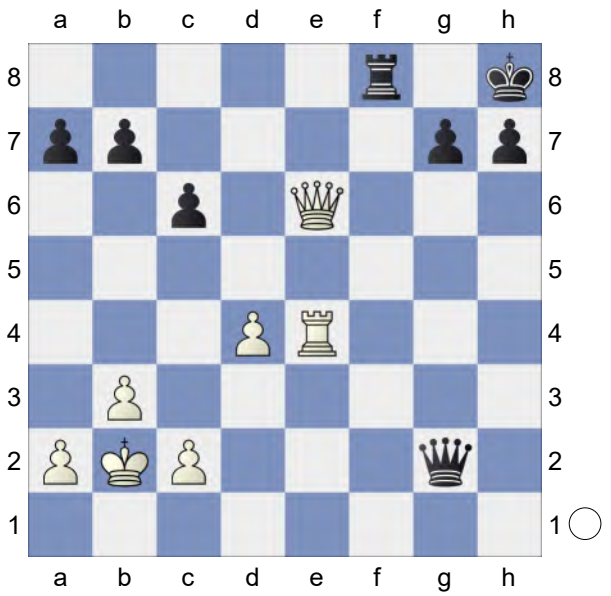

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.68
28.Qf7! Double Attack
1-0

27 **C27**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2781**
Goldmoney Asian Prelim (11.1) 28.06.21
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it! Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that

would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it!" **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5** The position is equal. **9.Bd5** -0.29/20

[9.Nf3 0.07/22 was preferable.]

9...Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.d5N

[11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 22.h4 Re6 23.Rfb1 g6 24.Ne2 Rae8 25.g4 R6e7 1-0 (41) Firouzja,A (2728)-Aronian,L (2773) Online Nations Cup Prelim 2020 (10.3) 26.Ng3 Be6 27.Rh1 Bf7 28.g5 fxg5 29.Bxg5 Rd7 30.h5 Nb2 31.Be2 Be6 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.a5 b5 34.Rh6 Kg7 35.Rah1 Bg8 36.Bc1 Nbc4 37.Bd3 Re6 38.Rg1 Rf7 39.Bxg6 Rc7 40.Nh5+ Kf8 0-1 Firouzja,A (272 (2723)-Carlsen,M (2872) Tata Steel-A 82nd 2020 (9) 41.Rh8]

11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 b6 13.Ne2 Ba6 14.0-0 Qf6 15.Qa4 -0.70/23

[White should try 15.Rd1= -0.02/20]

15...Nd6∓ ...Rae8 is the strong threat.

16.Qxd7 -1.12/23

[16.Re1∓ -0.47/19]

16...Rae8∓ 17.Be3? -3.25/24

[17.Qg4∓ -0.62/23]

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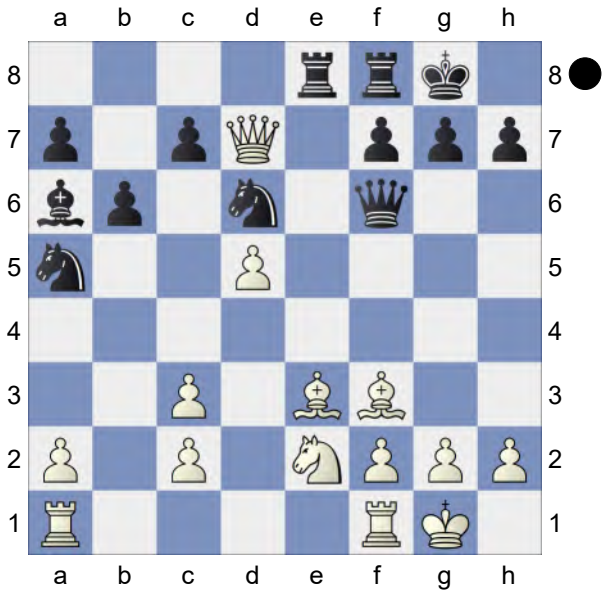

17...Nac4!-+ 18.Bd4 Ne5 Excellent horsemanship. **19.Qh3 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Qxd5?** 0.57/22

[21...Bxe2 22.Rg1 f6 *(22...Qxd5 23.Rxg7+ Kh8 24.Qxh7#)* 23.Rxg5 fxg5 24.Kg1∓]

[21...f6-+ -3.57/25 22.Rg1 Bc8 *(22...Qxd5 23.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 24.Rg1+ Kh8 25.Nf4+-)*]

22.Rg1!± f6? 3.08/24

[22...Bxe2 23.Rxg7+ Kh8 24.Qxh7#]

[Black should play 22...g6!± 0.69/28 23.Nf4 Qf5]

23.Nf4?? -3.94/24

[23.Rxg7++- 3.08/24 and all is fine. Kxg7 24.Rg1+ Kh8 25.Nf4]

23...Qf5-+ Active counter play! **24.Qh6** -6.06/22

[24.Qg3 -3.52/21 Rf7 *(24...Qxc2 25.Qxg7#)* 25.Rae1]

24...Rf7 Black is clearly winning.

[Not 24...Qxc2 25.Qxg7#]

25.Rg3 Qxc2 26.Nh5 Nf5 27.Nxf6+

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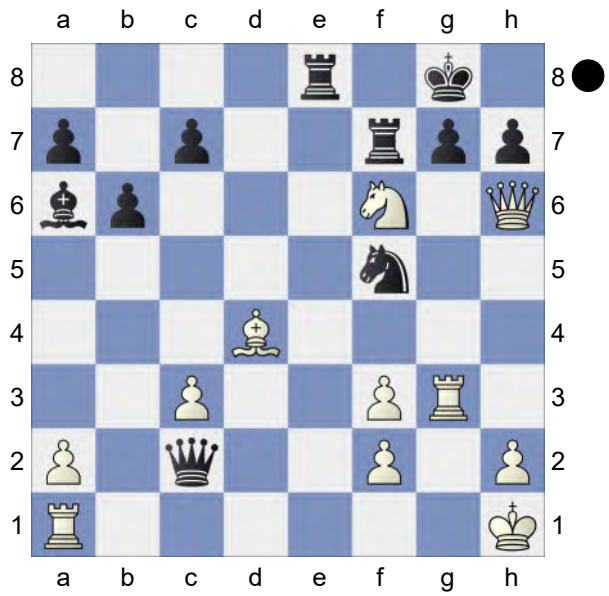
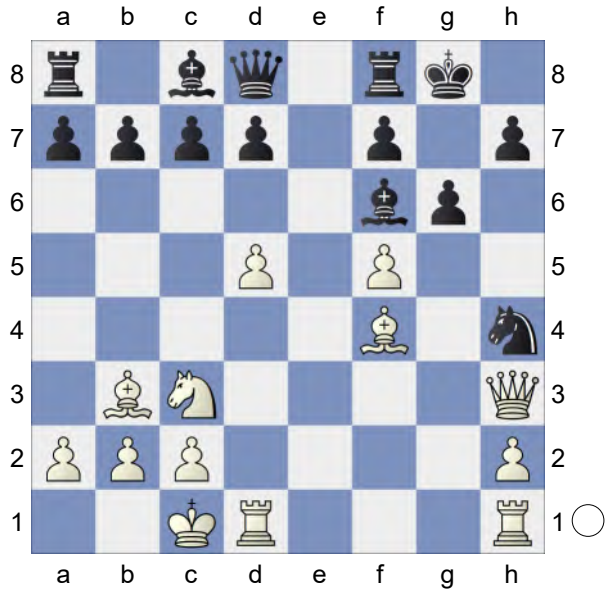


Rxf6! 28.Rxg7+ Nxg7 29.Qxf6 Qg6 30.Rg1 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.43
30...Qxg1+
[Less strong is 30...Qxf6 31.Bxf6 Kf7 32.Bxg7=]
0-1

28 **C27**
□ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2611**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2520**
8th Sharjah Masters 2025 (2.21) 18.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.f4N -0.58/22
[Better is 6.Nf3= -0.01/22 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3* N,N-N,N Analyse 1996*)* 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]
[6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 *(7.Nf3 c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6* 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2715)-Motylev,A (2641) 148/98 Russia 2021*)* 7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2782)-Giri,A (2734) 76th Tata Steel Masters 2014 (7.3)]
[6.d3 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.h4 Ne8 10.Nd5 Nf6 11.Qg6 1-0 Hounie Fleurquin,C-2. ♘e2 (ol) 55/469 Manila 1992]
6...exf4 -0.21/23
[6...g6∓ -0.58/22 7.Qh3 0-0 *(7...exf4 8.d3=)*]
7.d4 0-0
[7...g6 simplifies 8.Qf3 Nc6 9.Nge2 Nf5]
8.Nf3 The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.50/22
[Black should try 8...Ne8= -0.11/21]
9.Bxf4± g6 10.Qh3 White has compensation. **10...Nf5** White must now prevent ...d6!. **11.0-0-0 Bf6** 1.11/23
[11...d6= 0.29/22]
12.d5± White has more active pieces.
12...Ncd4 2.79/23
[12...Na5± 1.19/24]
13.g4 1.31/23
[13.Nxd4+- 2.79/23 is more deadly. Nxd4 14.d6]
13...Nxf3? 3.69/23
[13...Nxb3+± 1.31/23 might work better. 14.axb3 Nh4]
14.gxf5+- Nh4? 6.66/22

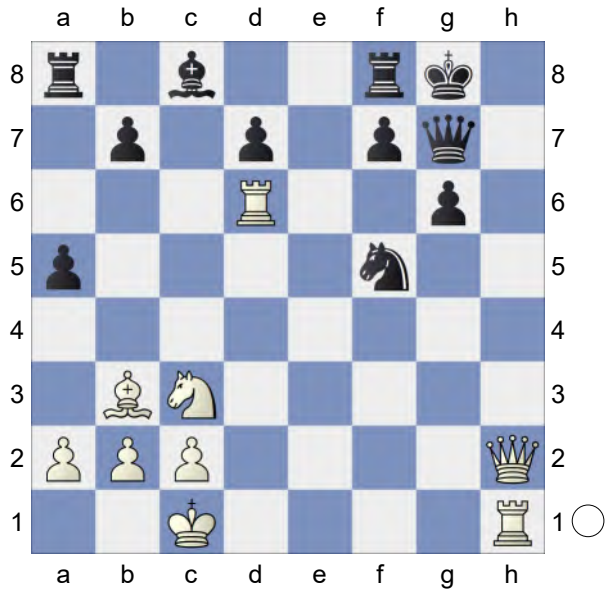
[14...d6 3.55/22]



15.d6!

[15.fxg6 Nxg6 16.Rdg1 d6∓]

15...Bg5 16.Qg4 Bxf4+ 17.Qxf4 Nxf5 18.h4 cxd6 19.h5 hxg6 would now be deadly. **19...Qf6 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Qh2 Qg7** Inhibits Qh7+. **22.Rxd6 a5**



Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=1.48

23.Rxg6! Pin

1-0

29 **C27**

□ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian** **2618**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2847**

New In Chess Classic (8) 04.2021

[DFernandez,TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 A move-order which has some little subtleties compared to both the normal Pirc (2...Nf6) and the normal Modern (1...g6 2.d4 Bg7.) **3.Bc4 Nxe4!?** This setup is a fair bit more attractive for Black than the ...c6 Pirc discussed last month. It is a super-principled response to White's Nc3 and highlights perhaps the only deficiency that move could ever have. **4.Qh5?!** I consider this move quite inaccurate, as the Austrian relies heavily on Black not being able to use their light-square control and such is definitely not the case here. **4...Nd6! 5.Bb3**

[5.Qxe5+ Qe7 6.Qxe7+ Bxe7]

5...Be7 Reaching the so-called Gurgenidze setup, which can occur from the Pirc, Modern or indeed Caro (if you try.) This is a good version for Black, as the f8-bishop has not been fianchettoed yet and so (after preferably exchanging the c8-bishop or at least getting it out) Black can try and play ...e6 and use the f8-a3 diagonal instead. In the game, precisely this strategy works a treat.

[5...Nc6 0.45/22 5...Be7 -0.15 6.Nb5 g6 7.Qf3 f5 *(7...Nf5* 0.82/24 7...f5 0.36 *8.g4)* 8.Qd5 Qe7 0.95/24 *(8...Qf6!±* 0.40/23 *)* 9.Nxc7+± Kd8 10.Nxa8 b6 Against d4

A) 11.d3 0.01/23 11.Qd3 0.45 Bb7 *(11...Nd4)* 12.h4 0.01/22 *(12.Qf3!±* 0.92/20 *)* 12...f4!;

B) 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Ne2 Bb7;

C) 11.Nxb6± 0.99/24 axb6

12.Ne2;

D) 11.Qf3 0.52/20 11...Bb7± 12.Nxb6 -0.01/23 *(White should try 12.d3!±* 0.64/21 *)*

D1) 12...axb6 13.c3 Against Nd4 *(13.Qh3)* 13...Na5 *(13...g5* 1.07/21 13...Na5 -0.01*)* 14.Qh3 g5;

D2) 12...axb6= -0.01/23 13.Qh3 Nd4;

D3) 12...Nd4 0.66/21 13.Qh3± axb6]

6.f4 -0.70/22 This seems to give Black what he wants.

[6.Qxe5± leads to a relatively solid position for Black, since the knights on c3 and f3 more or less preclude any immediate attack. Black can try to continue playing flexible moves within this 'small' structure, e.g. ... a6, ...Bb7, ...Nbd7. But full equality still seems some way off. 0-0?

A) 7.d4 looks like White's most flexible move-order to me. Carlsen's long-time second Hammer recommended that White play simply Be3 and Nf3 against all Pirc/Modern lines until Black committed to either ...Nf6 or ... a6, so it would be interesting to know what Magnus' own idea was here. Possibly some pure Pirc players would be squeamish about allowing 7...Nc6 , but Black can either sign up for a full King's Indian or venture my recommendation of 8.Qf4! followed by ...e5 (without ... Nf6.)

A1) 8...Bf6 9.Be3 g6 0.91/22 *(9...Ne7=* 0.06/20 *)* 10.Nf3± Bg7 1.10/21 *(⌓10...Na5* 0.74/22 *)* 11.h4!;

A2) 8...Na5 commits, perhaps prematurely, to an English Attack. In addition to various transpositions, Black may even consider the rather radical 9.Nf3!? which sets up ideas like ...Bh6 or ...Nc6 and somewhat exploits the fact of not having played ...Bg7 yet. The critical test is probably the endgame *(9.Bd5* -0.35/21 9.Nf3 0.01 , where my feeling is that Black should be fine with accurate play. Only one practical test has reached this position: *Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4)* 9...Nxb3 10.axb3 b5 11.0-0 Bb7;

B) 7.Nge2= Varga,Z-Sukharisingh,R Budapest 1996 Ne8 *(7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5)* 8.0-0 -0.51/22 *(8.d4! c6* Prevents Nd5. *9.d5; 8.d4=* 0.13/23 *)* 8...c6∓ 9.d4 d5;

C) 7.Nf3! Nc6!? *(7...c6* 0.48/23 7...Nc6 -0.01 transposing to Marin's recommendations, and having avoided the problems of the 3...c6 4.f4 Pirc. We have checked this position a few times, most recently in Rasmussen-Chatalbashev (my annotations) in the archives. *8.d4!* will probably ultimately lead play back into a Classical Pirc. After *8...Ne8* Black can try to avoid the positional anti-Moderns (3...Bg7 4. c3, etc.) by choosing *9.d5! d6 10.Qf4* and entering a Classical Pirc.*)* 8.Qf4!± The attempt at an English Attack with 8...Na5 might be a bit more theoretically challenging. It seems good right now to play]

[6.Qxe5= 0.01/24 0-0 7.d3]

6...g6∓

[6...exf4? 7.d4 drops a pawn.

A) 7...Nc6!? Otherwise White will play g3, and then in the fullness of time some opportunity for playing g4 will present itself. But after 8.Nf3 g6 9.Qh6 Na5 10.0-0± -0.38/19 Some lingering worries about the h4-pawn prevent Black from completing their development as fluently as they might like. *(10.Nd5!= 0.01/23)* Instead 10...Nf5!∓ 11.Qxf4 Nxb3 12.axb3 is a far worse version for Black since the g7-bishop lacks scope. 0-0!? 0.33/22 is always worth considering when it looks like Black might want to play ... d5. Here *(12...d5!∓ -0.55/24)*;

B) 7...0-0 8.Nf3!= and Black's g8-knight will soon come to f5. *(8.Bxf4 Ne8⇄)* 8...Ne8!? was perhaps the last try for some opening advantage. Black's c8-bishop can't plant itself on f5 or g4 without giving some pause for thought (after a future ...e6) as to whether this bishop may end up trapped somehow. 9.Ne5 g6! 10.Qf3 Nc6! 11.Qxf4! Black needs to continue preparing ...c5, unfazed about developments on the kingside. Nxe5 12.dxe5]

[6...e4 0.09/20 6...g6 -0.56 7.d3 -0.38/21 *(7.Nxe4!= 0.09/20 g6 8.Nxd6+ Bxd6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.d4)* 7...exd3 8.Nf3 Nc6 0.93/21 *(8...g6∓ -0.32/20 9.Qh3 Nc6)* 9.0-0 -0.23/22 *(9.f5!± 0.93/21)* 9...0-0 0.96/21 *(9...g6= -0.23/22 10.Qh3 Ne4)* 10.f5]

[6...exf4 7.Nf3=]

7.Qe2 e4

[7...exf4 0.15/22 7...e4 -0.58 8.d4 Nc6 9.Bxf4 0-0= Almasi, Z-Hickl,J Bern 1996 10.Nf3!? The positions after 10...Bh4+!? are quite interesting and reflect the mix of strategies Black needs to play the Gurgenidze structure. 11.Nxh4! Re8 12.Be3! Qxh4+!? 13.g3! Starting to target White's pawns before the bishop-pair has a chance to deploy properly. Qd8! 14.0-0!∞]

8.d3 Black is slightly better.

[8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Qxe4 0-0]

8...exd3

[8...0-0? 1.00/22 8...exd3 -0.75 9.dxe4]

[8...e3 9.Bxe3]

9.Qxd3 0-0

[9...Na6 10.Be3 Nf5! 11.Bf2 *(11.0-0-0 c6)* 11...c6 -0.37/22 *(*Black should try *11...h5∓* -0.90/21 *)* 12.g4∓ and White shouldn't be too much worse. After 12...Ng7! White would gain the option of 13.0-0-0!? , which is on some level a bit unsightly for Black even if there are still very good chances of an advantage. d5!?]

10.h4 c5N 1.23/24 Black is ready to play ...c5 and has completely equalised.

[10...Nf5 -0.16/21 10...Na6 -0.56 11.h5 Bh4+ 12.Kd1 Ng3

A) 13.Rh3 Nxh5 14.Nf3! Bf6 15.Rxh5! gxh5 16.Ne4

A1) Now 16...h6? 1.21/27 16...d5 -0.47 is too late as 17.Neg5! hxg5 18.Qg6+! Kh8 19.Qxh5+ Kg8 *(19...Kg7-+* #25/32 19...Kg8 0.99 *20.fxg5)* 20.Nxg5= will suffice to hold for White. According to the lines I looked at, 20...Bxg5! is winning. It is also very thematic for these positions where one side's 4 pawns are better than the other.

21.fxg5 d5 22.g6 Bg4+ 23.Qxg4 Qd6 24.gxf7+! Kxf7 25.Bf4;

A2) 16...d5! 17.Neg5! Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Bg4+ 19.Ke1! Re8+! 20.Kf2 Kf8 21.Bd2!;

B) 13.Rxh4 Qxh4 14.hxg6 d5 *(14...hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Bxf7 d5* Inhibits b3. *17.Be3! Nc6* Against Bd4+ *18.Nf3!)* 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Bxd5+ Kg7]

[10...Na6 11.h5 Nc5-+ leads after correct play to the tablebase-won e&g ending with rooks: this is not by any means a trivial win and I once managed to mess it up in a crucial game against Cramling, but one suspects Carlsen would not hesitate to convert it.

A) 12.Qf3 -1.40/21 12.Qh3 -0.65 Nf5! 13.hxg6 -1.07/22 *(13.Nge2∓* -0.62/21 *)* 13...Bh4+∓ 14.Kd1 hxg6 -0.21/23 *(14...d5!; 14...d5!∓* -1.38/23 *15.g4 hxg6)* 15.g4 -0.64/23 *(15.Bd5!=* -0.21/23 might be stronger.*)* 15...d5∓ 16.gxf5= and Black can't make any progress. Bxf5!? was perhaps more economical when it came to playing for a draw. After;

B) 12.Qh3 g5 13.fxg5 Nde4! *(13...Nxb3* 0.55/22 13...Nde4 -0.65 *14.axb3 Bxg5 15.Bxg5* seems even less likely to be successful, since White's pieces aren't in good places for defending the g5- or h2-pawns. *Qxg5?!* would in some cases be a decent reason for rejecting ...g5, but here Black can head for the h2-pawn and win quite trivially. *16.Nf3! Re8+ 17.Kd1 Qh6! 18.Qg4+!-+* As a result of White's previous move, after *18...Kh8! 19.Qd4+* a future ...Rc4 will have the capacity to pick up at least one of three pawns and cripple both of White's pieces. At some point the most efficient solution becomes something like *19...f6!* , allowing or even forcing Black to take the a3-pawn but getting both rook and king to favourable positions. *20.Nd5)* 14.Nxe4 d5 15.Qf3 Nxe4-+]

[10...Re8 0.42/23 10...Nf5 -0.44

A) 11.Bd2= solves all problems. After 11...Bxh4+ 12.Kd1 Bf6 13.g4! Bg7! 14.f5! *(14.Qh3!? h6 15.f5=)*;

B) 11.h5 Bh4+ 12.Kd2 the position looks like maybe some dangers might remain for White, but in fact they are all ghosts and the simple gxh5 13.Nge2]

[10...Nc6 11.h5= the extra pawn vanishes and Black essentially has nothing. While the d7-knight temporarily does less than the a4-knight (and so the exchange makes some sense) it was even better to turn the tables with 11...Nf5 and only then ...Nc5, since White would then be the one having to seek out a knight trade on their time. Normally, Black would instinctively reply to 12.hxg6 with ...h4 (to cut out any options of g4), but the position is so good that this isn't necessary at all. In fact, it may just make White's objective of trading some minor pieces more attainable, which isn't what Black is after at all. A simple continuation like hxg6 2.07/21 (perhaps intending ...Bxf2+ followed by ...Qd4) is much more poisonous in the long run. *(12...d5±*

0.90/21) The deeply cynical 13.Nge2+- d5 14.Bd2! was by now needed to avoid a rather major disadvantage, the point being that the quality difference between both sides' minor pieces is much more important than damage to the pawn structure.]

[10...Bxh4+ 11.Kd1=]

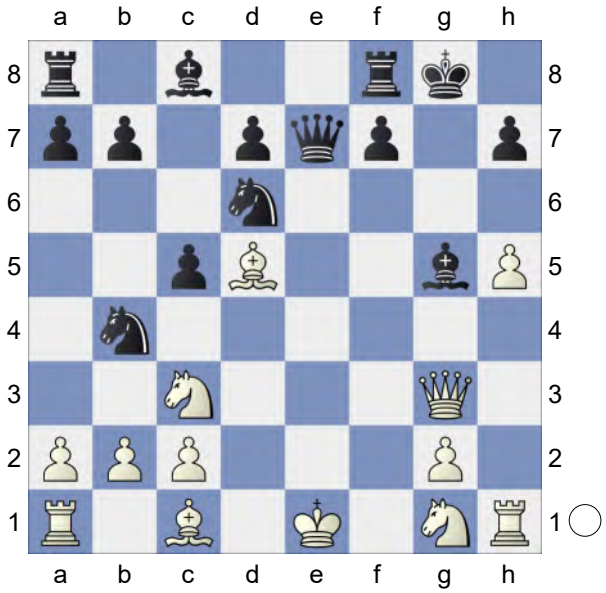
[10...Nf5∓ -0.61/22 stays ahead. 11.g4 Nxh4 *(11...Bxh4+ 12.Kd1±)*]

11.Bd5!± A slow move which hands the opening edge to the world champion.

[11.h5 -0.01/19 11.Bd5 0.95 c4! 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.hxg6! fxg6 14.Qxc4+ d5! 15.Qxd5+ Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Bd6 17.Be3]

11...Nc6! The move Black wanted to play, even if White wasn't on the cusp of (or at least thinking of) ruling it out with b4 next move. **12.h5 Nb4!?** Deflection **13.Qh3 g5 14.fxg5 Nxd5∓** 2.34/21

[14...Bxg5 2.13/26 14...Ne8 0.99 15.Qg3 Qe7+ *(15...Nxc2+* 2.44/24 15...Qe7+ 1.80 *16.Kd1 Nf5 17.Qxg5+ Qxg5 18.Bxg5 Nxa1 19.Nge2)*



16.Kf2! *(16.Kf1?* -0.32/24 16.Kf2 1.78 *Nf5!* The key drawing move. While Black still had options of .. .g5 there were quite good winning chances, but from here on Black really struggles to create anything because there's no way to even threaten to bring the king in. *17.Qxg5+ Qxg5 18.Bxg5 Ng3+ 19.Kf2! Nxh1+ 20.Kf3 Nxc2 21.Rf1! Nd4+ 22.Kf4 Ne6+ 23.Kg4 d6 24.Bh4)* 16...h6? A natural capture and... a half-point blunder. Such is the unforgiving nature of rook endings. White must now prevent ...Nxd5!. 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Re1 Qf6+ 19.Nf3]

[14...Nxc2+ 15.Kd1! Nxa1 4.02/22 White has no other valid waiting move, but this is good enough. *(15...Nb4* 2.68/19 is a better defense. *16.g6 c4)* 16.g6+- Bf6 17.Qg4 Repels b5 Kh8 5.80/20 *(⌓17...Bg7* 4.04/18 *18.Bg5 Nc4)* 18.Nf3 Black managed to transform the position slightly and achieve a different pawn-up rook ending with some slight squeezing chances, but they are much less significant than in the related g/f v h ending. Johan-Sebastian holds without trouble.]

[14...Ne8 2.13/22 14...Nxd5 1.01 15.g6! Nf6 16.Bh6! Nbxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qg3! gxh7+ would kill now. hxg6 19.0-0-0! Qc7 20.Qf3 Nf6 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.hxg6]

[14...Nb5 2.62/22 14...Bxg5 1.62 15.g6 d6 16.Bxf7+ Kh8 17.Qg3! Rxf7 18.gxf7]

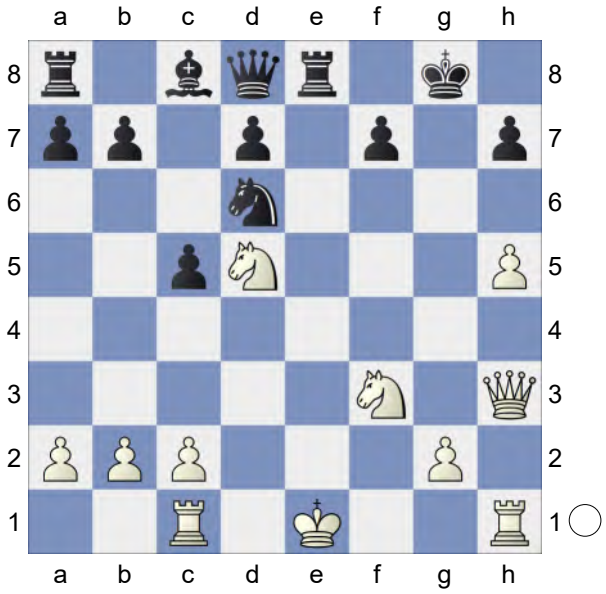
[14...Nxc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1 16.g6±]

[14...Ne8± 1.18/21]

15.Nxd5+- Bxg5 16.Nf3 1.27/21 Active counter play!

[16.Ne2?! Re8!∓ 5.20/22 *(⌓16...Bxc1* 2.36/21 *17.Rxc1 Qg5)*

17.0-0+- This is a bit late since Black is no longer just after the a4-pawn. Bxg5 would now be deadly. Rxe2 6.79/26 *(⌓17...Re5 4.57/23 18.Nec3 f5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5)* 18.Qg4]
[16.Ne2+- 2.57/23 has better winning chances.]
This move loses the game for Black.
16...Bxc1? 4.92/24
[16...Re8+± 1.27/21 is a better chance. 17.Kd1 h6]
17.Rxc1
[Weaker is 17.Qg3+ Kh8 18.Rxc1 *(18.Qxd6 Re8+ 19.Kf1 Re6±)* 18...Re8+ 19.Kf1 Ne4±]
17...Re8+



18.Kf1! Kh8 19.h6! Christiansen plays very accurately to negate Black's slight pull in this portion of the game. **19...Re4** Dodges Qg4 **20.Re1 Qg8**
[20...Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1]
21.Qh2
[21.Rxe4 Nxe4 22.Qh4]
21...Qg6 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe7 b6
[24...Ng3+ 25.Kg1]
25.Nf4 Excellent horsemanship.
25...Ba6+ 26.Kg1?! Starting to give Black small rays of hope that perhaps a full point could be squeezed out here.
26...Qe8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=1.04
27.Qg7# An unexpected result.
½-½

30 **C27**
□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2715**
■ **Motylev,Alexander** **2641**
TCh-RUS Premier 2021 (6.4) 07.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]
[7.Nge2 Ne8 8.0-0 c6 9.d4 d5 10.Qg3 Na6 11.Bd2 Nac7 12.Rae1 Ne6 13.Qd3 g6 14.Nf4 N8g7 15.Nce2 Bd6 16.c4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Qd2 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.b3 Qa5 ½-½ (46) Safarli,E (2598)-Mamedov,N (2609) AZE-ch Final 75th 2021 (2.3)]
7...c6N 0.36/23
[7...Nc6= -0.11/22 8.Qf4 Ne8 *(8...Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 a6 21.Rae1 d6 22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Bc3* 1-0 (51) Shirov,A (2736)-

Radjabov,T (2656) Linares 21st 2004 (6))]

8.d4± Ne8 White is slightly better. **9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5**

[16...dxc5 keeps more tension. 17.Ne4 Nd6 18.Ne5 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Bd6]

17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 -0.35/19

[18.Nc4± 0.56/21]

18...Kh8 0.34/23

[18...Bf6∓ -0.35/19]

19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 Bxc3 23.Bxc3

[23.bxc3 a4 24.Nc1 Nf6∓]

23...a4 24.Nd2 Nc7 25.Qf4 Kh7 26.Qxd6 Nb5 27.Qg3

[27.Qxc5 Rc8 28.Qb4 Nxa3 29.Rxa3 Re8=]

27...Rf7 28.R3a2

[28.Rxa4? Nxc3 29.Rxa8 Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Nxg3+ 31.hxg3 Qg5-+]

28...Nc7 0.92/24

[28...Ra6± 0.40/21]

29.d6↑ White is really pushing. White is more active. **29...Nb5** 1.49/22

[Black should try 29...Nd5 0.77/22]

30.Be5

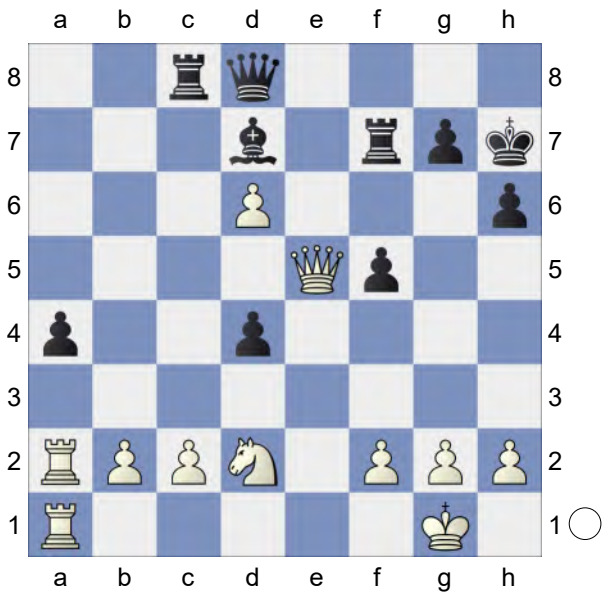
[30.Rxa4? Nxc3 31.Rxa8 Ne2+ 32.Kh1 Nxg3+ 33.hxg3 Qf6-+]

30...Nd4 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qe5 0.51/22

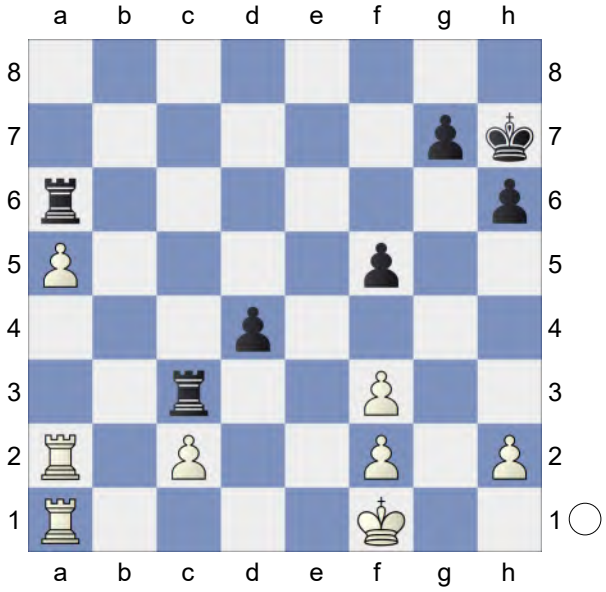
[White should try 32.b3± 0.89/23]

32...Rc8

(Diagram)



Against Nc4 **33.b3! Qf6 34.Qxf6 Rxf6 35.bxa4 Rxd6 36.Nf3 Bc6 37.a5 Bxf3 38.gxf3** Endgame and a6 should not be overlooked. KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **38...Ra6 39.Kf1 Rc3**



40.Ke2! Black cannot hold the game after this. **40...f4?** 2.97/23

[40...Kg8± 1.13/22]

41.Rd1+- Rc4 42.Kd3 Rc5 43.Rda1

[43.Kxd4 Rcxa5 44.Rxa5 Rxa5±]

43...Rd5 44.Ke4 Rd8 45.Ra4

[Weaker is 45.Kxf4 Kg8±]

45...Re6+ 5.48/23

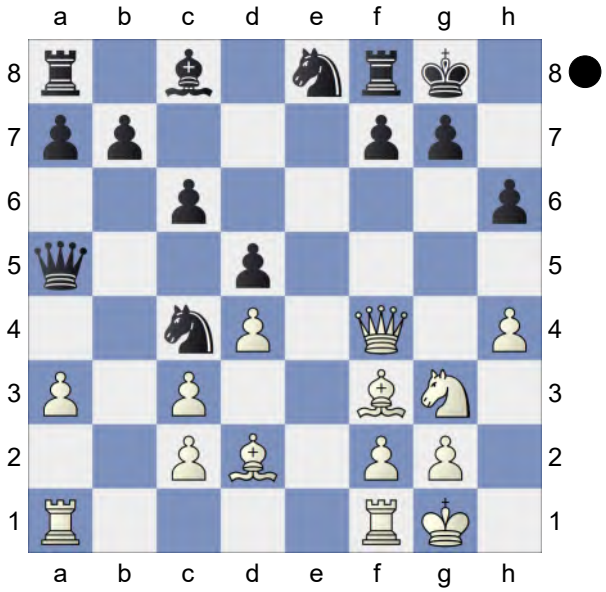
[45...Rc8 3.65/22 is a better defense. 46.R1a2 *(46.Kxf4 Rxc2 47.R4a2 d3=)* 46...g5 47.Rxd4 Rca8]
46.Kd3 White is clearly winning.
46...Red6 47.Rc4 Rd5 48.a6 R5d7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)
49.Raa4
1-0

31 **C27**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2723**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2872**
Tata Steel-A 82nd (9) 21.01.2020
[Nielsen,Peter, TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it! Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it!" **1.e4** Sokolov,Ivan Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan" **1...e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5** Aiming for a battle. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Aiming for a battle.'' **4...Nd6!?** Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!?" 4...Bc5 by far being the main-line these days, Magnus chooses a solid line known to give White a moderate edge, but keeping all the pieces on the board. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '4... Bc5 by far being the main-line these days, Magnus chooses a solid line known to give White a moderate edge, but keeping all the pieces on the board." **5.Bb3** In the World blitz he had played 5. c4, but here he chooses the main line. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'In the World blitz he had played 5.c4, but here he chooses the main line.'' **5...Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5** The position is equal. **9.Bd5** -0.51/20
[9.Nf3= -0.09/23]
9...Ne8 -0.10/21 Mikhalevski,V: 'It was a while ago since we considered this position, so the current game is a good opportunity to revisit it.'
[9...c6∓ -0.51/20 10.Bf3 Ndc4]
10.Bf3= Bb4N Mikhalevski,V: 'The most popular move in the position. Black decides to develop the light-squared bishop to b7.'
[10...Nc6 0.30/20 10...Bb4 -0.08 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 Scheeren,F-4. Qb3 dxc4 5.Qxc4 - 9.Nbd2 email 2014]
11.a3 -0.45/23 After a lot of typical "Spanish" moves, its worth noting the bishop going to c2 instead of b3, as that would allow ...Na5 followed by ...c5. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'After a lot of typical "Spanish" moves, its worth noting the bishop going to c2 instead of b3, as that would allow ...Na5 followed by ...c5."
[11.d5!-+ Bxc3+-+ Sokolov,Ivan 12.bxc3?? Sokolov,Ivan b6-+]
[11.Nge2 Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine' d5 12.a3 Bd6 13.Qg5!

Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan'' Qxg5 14.Bxg5! c6 15.b3-+ would be a killer. Wards off Nc4 b6! Sokolov,Ivan]
[11.Nge2= -0.07/25]
11...Bxc3+∓ **12.bxc3** Mikhalevski,V: 'Recently White started to choose this move, which creates tension in the centre, more and more often. It actually transposes to a much more popular position, which can be reached by different move orders.'Would Magnus now play 12...h6, then after 13.a4 a famous position from the Kasparov-Karpov matches would arise by transposition, with white having played d4 in 2 moves, but Bc2 instead of Bb3-c2. The line has gone out of fashion, except for the detail that Firouzja brought it back to people's attention by beating Kovalev with it in the first round! Magnus, however, knows his classics, and that Karpov had exploited that White now has no threat of Ng5 meaning ...h6 is unneccesary, and thus makes a more useful move: Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen, Peter Heine: 'Would Magnus now play 12...h6, then after 13.a4 a famous position from the Kasparov-Karpov matches would arise by transposition, with white having played d4 in 2 moves, but Bc2 instead of Bb3-c2. The line has gone out of fashion, except for the detail that Firouzja brought it back to people's attention by beating Kovalev with it in the first round! Magnus, however, knows his classics, and that Karpov had exploited that White now has no threat of Ng5 meaning ...h6 is unneccesary, and thus makes a more useful move:'' **12...d5!?** Mikhalevski,V: 'A useful waiting move. Although Black plans to bring the c6-knight to d7 via b8, he keeps it on c6 for a second in order to prevent 13.Nf1.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!?'' Quite interestingly Karpov in 2019 in the legends rapid tournament deviated agianst Ljubojevic, and played 12...Nb8. Or maybe he exactly remembered that he had lost against the same player with 12...g6 28 years earlier! Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Quite interestingly Karpov in 2019 in the legends rapid tournament deviated agianst Ljubojevic, and played 12...Nb8. Or maybe he exactly remembered that he had lost against the same player with 12...g6 28 years earlier!'' **13.Ne2?!** Mikhalevski,V: 'White covers the b4-square and prepares 14.Nb3 or 14.b4 with the idea of 15.Nb3.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '?!''The move in itself is good enough, but the plan is wrong. Sokolov, Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'The move in itself is good enough, but the plan is wrong.'' **13...c6** Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Carlsen puts pressure on the e4-pawn and stops any movements of the d2-knight.' **14.0-0** 14 Mikhalevski, V: '?' Mikhalevski,V: 'A mistake. The moves a3 and d5 are not connected to each other and thus a3 is just a wasted of time. If Firouzja wanted to play d5 it would be better to do so right away.' **14...Nc4** Mikhalevski,V: 'Undermining White's 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov, Ivan: '='' centre.' Sokolov,Ivan: '=' **15.Ng3** Mikhalevski,V: 'White supports the d5-pawn, but he will soon realise that his pieces are misplaced for this.' **15...Qf6** 0.11/25 'Diagram
[15...Qa5!
A) 16.Ne2 -1.36/22 16.Rb1 -0.41 Ned6 17.a4! with the idea of 39... Ng4 would be in the spirit of Black's preceding play. Now after

Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan'' Bf5 18.Ba3! *(18.Ra2 -2.43/22 18.Ba3 -1.24 Rae8)* 18...Nxa3 19.Rxa3 *(19.Qxd6 Nc4)* 19...Rad8;
B) 16.Rb1 Qxc3 17.Bd1-+ and White's position collapses.or 17...Ned6;
C) 16.Rb1∓ -0.69/25;
D) 16.Bd2 -1.54/22 16...h6!∓ with full domination again. ...g5! is the strong threat. 17.h4



leads to a nice finale. Nc7!]
[15...Qa5!∓ -0.65/24]

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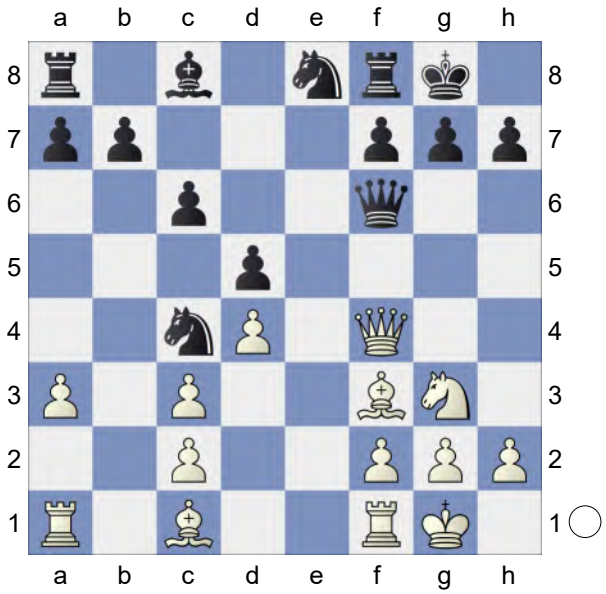

Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram [#]'" **16.Be2** Mikhalevski,V: 'White creates more t'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'N'" ension on the queenside, but it turns out that the text doesn't really create threats and so it might be useless.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'N'
[16.Qxf6 Nxf6 17.Bg5]
16...Qxf4! Mikhalevski,V: 'Magnus prepares 17...Rec8 with an x-ray on c2.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!'' **17.Bxf4** The above-mentioned position, but with Black to move. Magnus uses the given extra tempo to regroup. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'The above-mentioned position, but with Black to move. Magnus uses the given extra tempo to regroup.'' **17...Ned6!** Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!'' **18.Bd3** Mikhalevski,V: 'White protects the bishop on c2 in an attempt to stabilize the position on the queenside.' **18...Bd7** Mikhalevski,V: '!' **19.a4 b6!** Mikhalevski,V: 'Black fixes the a4-pawn and prepares ...Ba6 with an atta'Diagram

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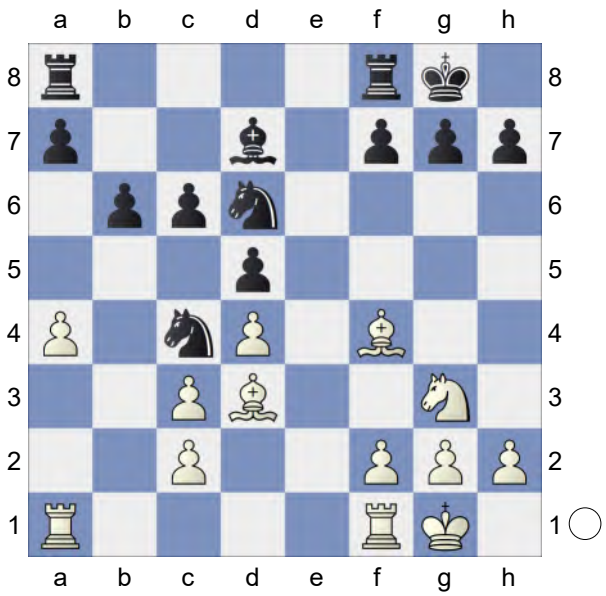

Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!' Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram [#]'" ck on the c4-pawn.' **20.f3?** Mikhalevski,V: '?!' Mikhalevski,V: 'The former Iranian GM do'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '?' Nielsen, Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: '?!'" esn't feel the danger. The knight was needed on the queenside.' Sokolov,Ivan: '?!' A logical and typical move, but a mistake.The problem for White is that optically we would tend to asses it as White being slightly better. After all, he has the centre, and can regroup behind it. The game exemplifies why that is very far from the truth, and thus Sokolov, Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'A logical and typical move, but a mistake.The problem for White is that optically we would tend to asses it as White being slightly better. After all, he has the centre, and can regroup behind it. The game exemplifies why that is very far from the truth, and thus'' **20...Rfe8!** Sokolov,Ivan: ' ∓"Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!' Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: ' ∓'" **21.Kf2 f6 22.h4** Mikhalevski,V: 'White has to play passively while his queenside is undeveloped.' **22...Re6** 0.70/23 Mikhalevski,V: '!'

[22...Kf7 0.33/19 might be stronger.]

23.Rfb1

[23.Rfe1 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Re8 Prevents Re7. 25.Ra1 Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine']

23...g6 Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Black's play is easy and strong. He is in control of both open files, while his minor pieces occupy the best possible squares, as the dark-squared bishop will soon appear on h6.'

[23...Rae8 24.Ne2]

24.Ne2 Rae8!? Mikhalevski,V: '!' Mikhalevski,V: 'Carlsen moves the queen away from the c-file.' Sokolov, Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!?'' A good move, also for illustrative purposes, as Magnus retreats his queen to the back rank but clears the c-line for his rook. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'A good move, also for illustrative purposes, as Magnus retreats his queen to the back rank but clears the c-line for his rook.'' **25.g4** Mikhalevski,V: 'White is lacking counterplay and so his play looks weird. However, it's extremely difficult to defend such a position.'. Repels Nf5 **25...R6e7!** Mikhalevski,V: 'Magnus also shows some presence on the kingside before placing the dark-squared bishop on h6.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!'' **26.Ng3** Mikhalevski,V: 'White looks for relief in exchanges.' **26...Be6!** Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!''A beautiful geometrical motif, with Black's bishops literally playing around White's centre. The a5 and h5 pawns provide excellent cover, meaning the bishops becomes untouchable, and dominate till the end. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'A beautiful geometrical motif, with Black's

bishops literally playing around White's centre. The a5 and h5 pawns provide excellent cover, meaning the bishops becomes untouchable, and dominate till the end." **27.Rh1 Bf7** 1.33/20
[⌓27...Rf7 0.77/21]
28.g5± fxg5 Mikhalevski,V: 'No rush. Black improves his position step by'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!' Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: ' ∓'" step and any white player will feel that his loss is just a matter of time.' Sokolov,Ivan: ' ∓'
29.Bxg5 Rd7 Mikhalevski,V: 'This way the Norwegian secures the f4-square for his dark-squared bishop.' Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!''Black just keeps improving his postion, as White can literally not do anything active without immediately losing material. Sokolov, Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Black just keeps improving his postion, as White can literally not do anything active without immediately losing material.''
30.h5
[30.Rab1 Na3 31.Rbg1 Nac4 32.Bc1 1.54/21 Wards off Nb2 *(32.Bf4*+- 1.93/24 *)*]
30...Nb2 Mikhalevski,V: '-+!' Mikhalevski, V: 'A rare position of full domination. All of Black's minor pieces are better than their counterparts.' **31.Be2** 0.75/22
[31.Rag1∓ Sokolov,Ivan Re6 1.69/23 (Sokolov,Ivan) Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan' *(31...Nxd3*+± 1.30/22 *32.cxd3 Nb7)* 32.Ne2+- Nxd3+ 33.cxd3 Black must now prevent Nf4. Nf5

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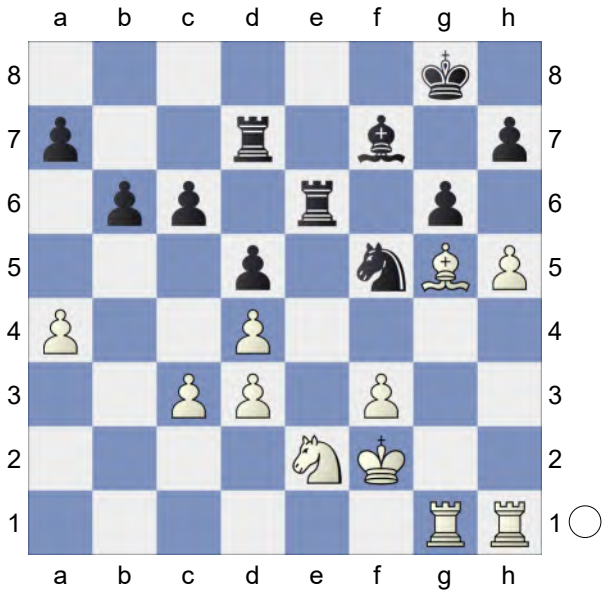

34.hxg6 0.82/25 (Sokolov,Ivan) Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan' *(⌓34.Nf4!* 1.45/24 *Red6 35.hxg6 Bxg6 36.Re1)* 34...Bxg6± 35.Nf4 Red6! 36.Re1]
[⌓31.Rag1 1.34/24]
31...Be6 1.54/21
[31...gxh5 32.Nxh5! 0.07/22 Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!" *(32.Bf4* Nevertheless, this should suffice for a win, but White could continue playing. A very convincing win and an exemplary game from the world champion, who showed very high class. White had to prefer either 13.d5 or 14.b4. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen, Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan"*; 32.Bf4*± 1.02/24 *)* 32...Bxh5= 33.Rxh5 Rf7-+ Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine'. Wards off Bf4]
[Black should try 31...gxh5 0.75/22 32.Bf4 *(32.Nxh5 Bxh5 33.Rxh5 Rf7=)* 32...Ndc4]
32.hxg6?! 1.10/22 Mikhalevski,V: 'In addition to a very bad position the young player also run into time trouble. His last move only helps Black, but any good advice was already costly for White.'

Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '?!" Alireza loses patience, an in order " to do something", just weakens his position. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Alireza loses patience, an in order " to do something", just weakens his position. "

[Better is 32.a5 1.54/21]

32...hxg6 33.a5 b5? 2.80/22 Mikhalevski,V: 'Now White's king is also vulnerable.'

[33...Rh7± 0.96/22]

34.Rh6 1.18/24

[34.Rab1+- 2.80/22 has better winning chances.]

34...Kg7? 3.69/23 Mikhalevski,V: '!?' Mikhalevski,V: 'The same slow tactics. Black attacks the a4-pawn, which can't be protected. 'Simplicity at its best, eyeing the a4 pawn, which white really can do nothing about. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Simplicity at its best, eyeing the a4 pawn, which white really can do nothing about."

[34...Nf7± 1.18/24 35.Rxg6+ Kh7 36.Rxe6 Rxe6]

35.Rah1+- Bg8? 5.26/21

[35...Rg8 3.13/21 was necessary. 36.Nh5+ *(36.Rh7+ Kf8∓)* 36...gxh5]

36.Bc1 A strong pair of Bishops. White is clearly winning. **36...Nbc4 37.Bd3 Re6** Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: '!" The knight on d2 is hanging, there is a threat of 38...Ne8 as bxa3 Rc3 then wins a piece, etc. White position is collapsing. Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'The knight on d2 is hanging, there is a threat of 38...Ne8 as bxa3 Rc3 then wins a piece, etc. White position is collapsing." **38.Rg1 Rf7**

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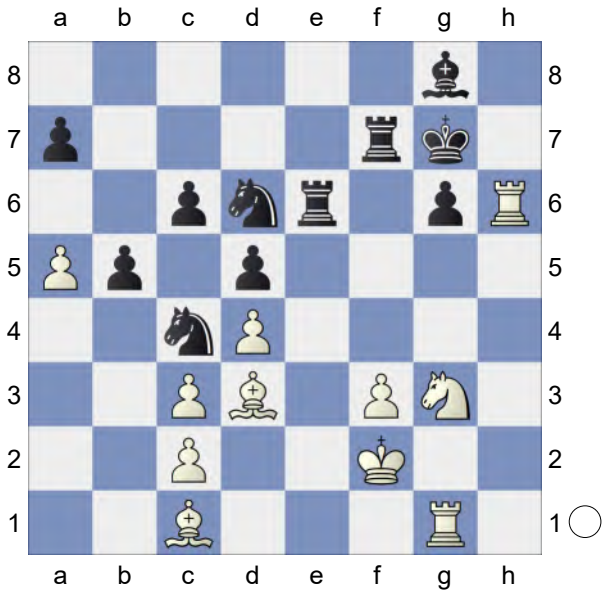
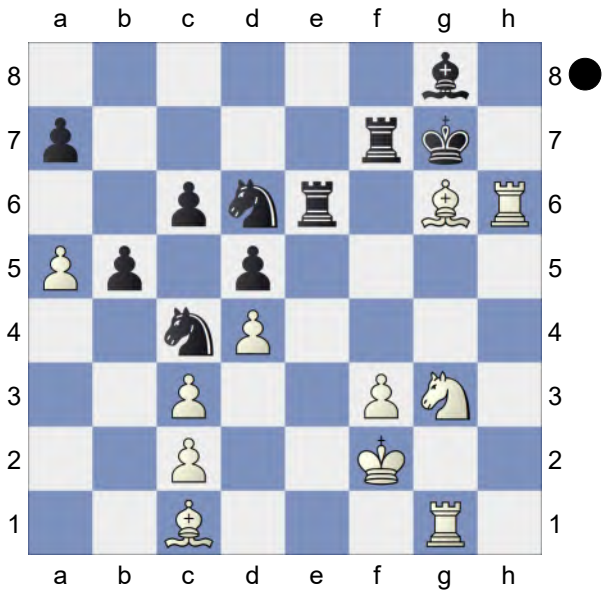


Mikhalevski,V: '!?' Mikhalevski,V: "Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: '?!"' Carlsen decides to force matters.' Sokolov,Ivan: '?!' **39.Bxg6!** 'Diagram



Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Sokolov,Ivan: 'Diagram [#]''' . Remove Defender **39...Rc7** Mikhalevski,V: 'Even though Black wins a piece like this, it is probably not the most precise move, although sufficient for a win.'And here Alireza, being very short of time resigned, as 40.Nxf1 Nxe4+ loses the bishop on d6. However, with 40.Kxf1 Bxd2 41 Bxe5

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[39...Kf8 40.Nh5]

40.Nh5+ Mikhalevski,V: 'White could try to play on by means of' **40...Kf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.73
41.Rh8 Loss on time!?
0-1

32 **C27**
□ **Topalov,Veselin** **2740**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2739**
Champions Showdown Rapid (11.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3

[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]

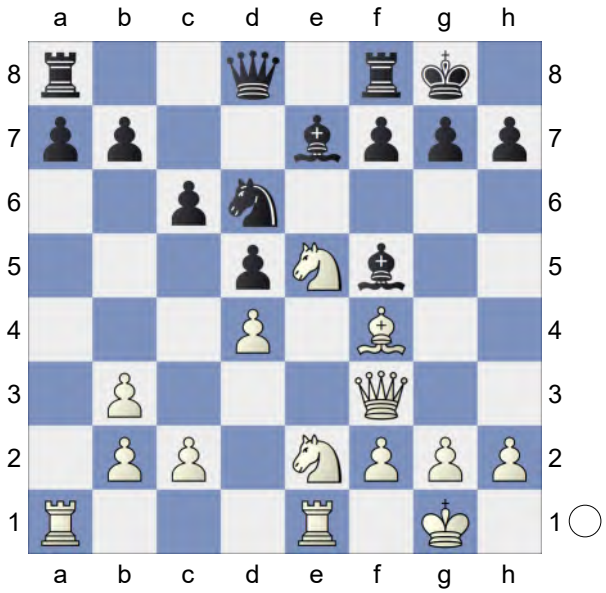
7...Ne8N

[7...c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 1-0 (49) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2715)-Novik (2641) British CC Ch 9293 1992 Bxc3 23.Bxc3 a4 24.Nd2 Nc7 25.Qf4 Kh7 26.Qxd6 Nb5 27.Qg3 Rf7 28.R3a2 Nc7 29.d6 Nb5 30.Be5 Nd4 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qe5 Rc8 33.b3 Qf6 34.Qxf6 Rxf6 35.bxa4 Rxd6 36.Nf3 Bc6 37.a5 1-0 (49) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2715)-Novik (2641) British CC Ch 9293 1992]

[7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 a6 21.Rae1 d6 22.Ne2 (51) Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 6]

8.d4 Nf6 The position is equal. **9.0-0**

Nc6 10.Qf4 d5 11.Ne5 Na5 12.Re1 c6 13.Qf3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Ne8 15.Bf4 Nd6
[15...Bf5 with more complications. 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Qxf5 Nd6]
16.Ne2 Bf5 0.61/22
[Better is 16...Nf5= -0.09/22]



17.Nxc6!± White is more active.
17...bxc6 18.Bxd6 Discovered Attack
18...Bxc2 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qc3 Prevents Qb4. Black is on the road to losing. **20...Bg6 21.Qxc6 Rfe8** 1.84/23
[21...Qb4± 0.89/21]

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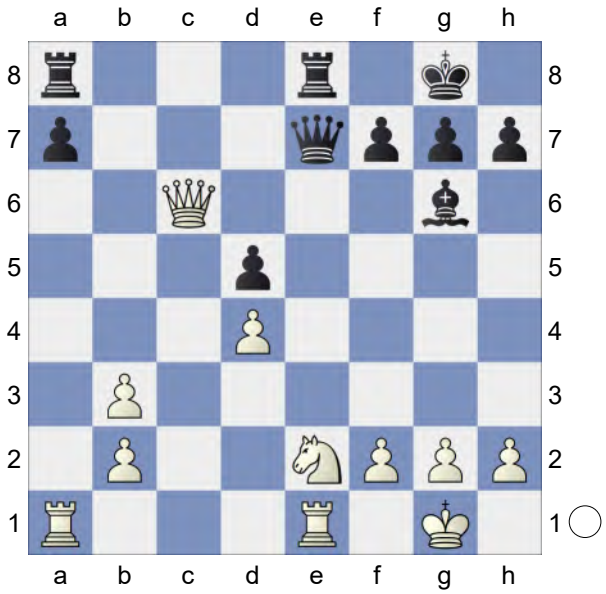

22.h3!+-
[22.Qxd5? Bd3 23.Qa5 *(23.Qe5? Qb7-+)* 23...Bxe2-+]
22...Rac8 2.19/25
[22...Qe6 1.81/22 23.Qc3 Qb6]
23.Qxd5 Red8 24.Qa5 Qf6 2.29/22
[⌓24...Qb7 1.72/20 25.Qxa7 Qxb3]
25.Rac1 Rxc8 would now be deadly.
[25.Qxa7 Rc2]
25...Rb8 26.Rc3
[Don't play 26.Qxa7 Rxb3 27.Qc7 Rxb2]
26...a6 27.Re3 h6 28.Rc1 Kh7 2.27/21
[28...Rb6 1.72/20 29.Rc5 Rdb8]
29.Rc5 Rd7 30.Qc3 Rdd8? 3.51/21
[30...Qd8 1.91/22 was worth a try. 31.Qc1 Rd5]
31.d5 Qf5? 7.87/22
[31...Rd6 3.35/22 32.b4 Rbd8]
32.Nd4 White is clearly winning.
32...Qb1+ 33.Re1 Qd3 34.Nc6 Qxc3 35.Rxc3 Re8 36.Rxe8 Rxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **37.Re3 Rc8 38.g4 f6 39.Re7** Against Bf7 **39...Be8 40.Nd4 Kg8 41.d6 Rd8**

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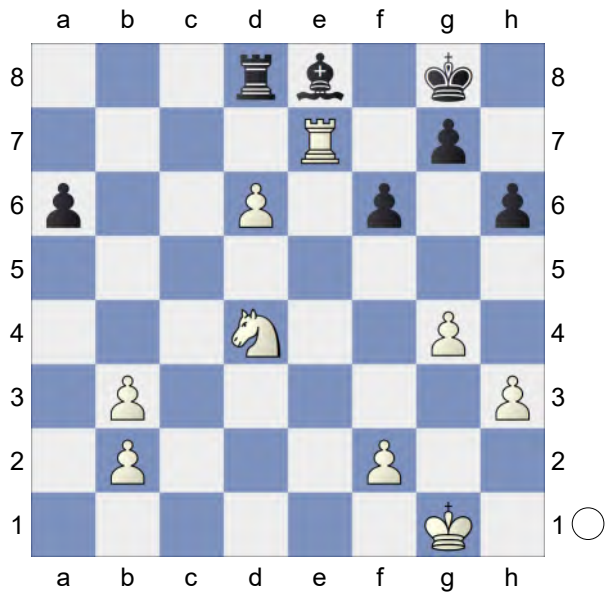
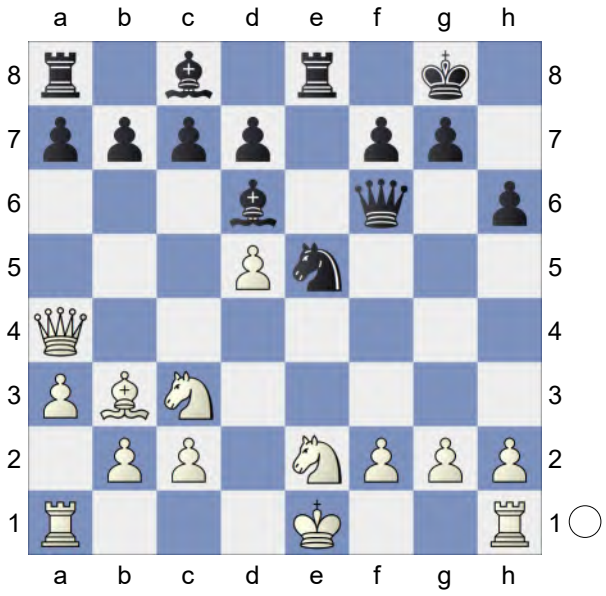


42.Rxg7+!! Decoy **42...Kxg7**
[42...Kh8 43.Re7]
43.Ne6+ Kg6 44.Nxd8 Bb5 45.Ne6 Kf7 46.Nc7 Bd3 47.b4 f5 48.Kg2 Kf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.42
49.Nd5+
1-0

33 **C27**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2749**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2731**
Champions Showdown Rapid (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

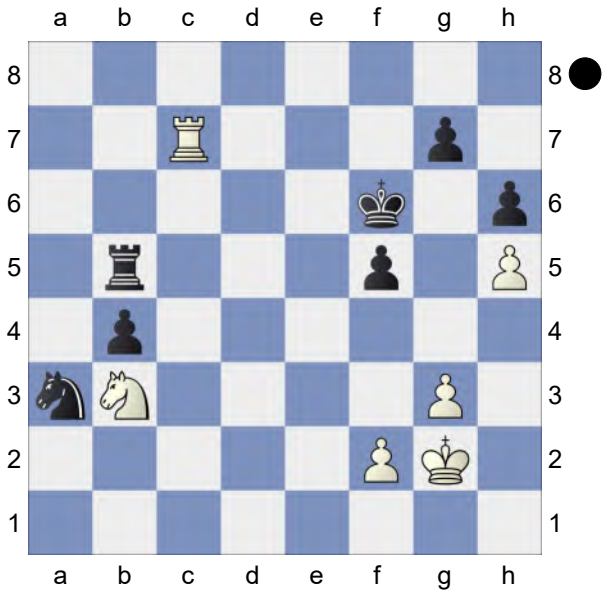
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Qf4N
[7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 0-1 (30) Costantini,M (1816)-Mauro,L (2090) OS022 corr 1996]
[7.d4 Nc6 *(7...Re8 8.Nge2 Bf6 9.Qf4 Nc6 10.Be3 g6 11.g4 g5 12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Ng3 Rf8 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Qf5 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Nef6 Rh8 22.Nh5+* 1-0 (23) Bolland,W-MacMahon,P BCM tourney prel-04 1908 *Kh6 23.Qxf7* 1-0 Bollengier,A (2233)-Navrotescu,A (2297) FRA-ch (Women) 2016 (2)*)* 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 1-0 (41) Firouzja,A (2728)-Aronian,L (2773) Online Nations Cup Prelim 2020 (10.3)]
7...Ne8 8.d4 Nc6 9.a3 Nf6 10.d5 Bd6 11.Qa4 -0.51/21 Active counter play!
[11.Qh4= -0.15/21 Re8+ 12.Nge2]
11...Re8+ -0.07/22
[11...b5!∓ -0.51/21 12.Qh4 Ne7]
12.Nge2= Ne5 0.21/20
[⌓12...b5 -0.19/22 13.Nxb5 *(13.Qxb5 Nd4∓)* 13...Re4]
13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6



15.0-0 -0.01/22
[15.0-0-0!± 0.79/22]

15...Qg6 0.80/20
[15...b5= -0.01/22 16.Nxb5 *(16.Qxb5 Qh4±)* 16...Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Rxe2]
16.Ng3± c6 17.Rfe1 aiming for f4.
17...b5 18.Qe4 Bb7! 19.dxc6 -0.01/21
[19.Re2± 0.47/20]
19...Bxc6=
[19...dxc6 20.Nxb5 Bc5 21.Re2 Rac8]
20.Bd5 Qxe4
[20...Bc5 keeps more tension. 21.Qxg6 Nxg6 22.Kf1 Nf4]
21.Ngxe4 -0.46/20
[21.Rxe4= -0.08/22 Bxd5 22.Nxd5]
21...Bc7 0.02/23
[21...Bf8∓ -0.46/20]
22.b3 a6 0.27/22
[22...Ng6 -0.15/21 was preferable.]
23.Rad1 Rad8 24.h3 Ng6 25.g3 Kf8 26.Kg2 Ne7 27.Bxc6 dxc6 28.Nc5 a5 29.N3e4 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Nd5 31.c4 bxc4 32.bxc4 Nb6 33.Rc1 f5 34.Nd2 Bd6! 35.Nd3
[35.Ndb3? a4 36.Nd3 axb3-+]
35...Bxa3 36.Ra1 Bb4 37.Nxb4 axb4 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **38.Ra6 Rb8 39.Nb3 Nxc4 40.Rxc6 Na3 41.h4 Rb5 42.Rc8+ Kf7 43.Rc7+ Kf6 44.h5**

(Diagram)



Rd5 -0.43/26
[44...Rb6!∓ -0.88/23]
45.Rb7 Nc2 46.Kf1 Re5
[46...f4!? 47.gxf4 Rxh5=]
47.Rc7 -1.16/24
[47.Rb8∓ -0.58/23]
47...Re1+∓ 48.Kg2 Na1 -0.09/21
[Black should play 48...Rb1!∓ -1.08/25 49.Nc5 b3]
49.Nc5= b3 50.Rb7 Rb1
[50...Re2 51.Nxb3 Rb2 52.Nc5 Rxb7 53.Nxb7 Nb3]
51.f4 Rb2+
[51...Nc2 52.Rxb3 Rxb3 53.Nxb3 Ke6]
52.Kh3 Rb1
[52...Nc2 simplifies 53.Rxb3 Rxb3 54.Nxb3 Ke6]
53.Kg2 b2 54.Nd3 Nc2 55.Rxb2 Ne3+ 56.Kf3 Rxb2 57.Nxb2 KN-KN **57...Ng4 58.Nd3 Ke6 59.Nc5+ Kd6 60.Nb3 Kd5** Repels Nd4 **61.Nd2 Nf6 62.Nf1 Ke6 63.Ne3 Nxh5 64.g4 fxg4+ 65.Kxg4 Nf6+ 66.Kf3 Nd5 67.Nc2 Ne7 68.Nd4+ Kd5 69.Ne2 Nf5 70.Nc3+ Kd4 71.Nb5+** -0.87/34
[White should play 71.Nd1∓ -0.35/28]
71...Kd3∓ 72.Nc7 h5 73.Ne8 Kd4

74.Nc7 Kd3 0.01/30
[74...Kc3∓ -0.52/32]
75.Ne8= g6 and ...Nd4+ would now be decisive **76.Nf6 Kd4 77.Nd7 Nh4+ 78.Kg3 Nf5+ 79.Kf3 Ne7 80.Nf6 Nc6 81.Nxh5** -0.69/29 **gxh5∓ 82.Kg3 Ke4** (-> ...Kf5) **83.Kh4 Kxf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
84.Kxh5
½-½

34 **C27**
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2801**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2782**
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[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6
Black wants to play ...g6. **7.Nb5** -1.06/22
[7.Nxe5 g6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nf5 11.d3 Nd4 12.Qf4 a5 13.Be3 Ne6 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO SMALL 2003]

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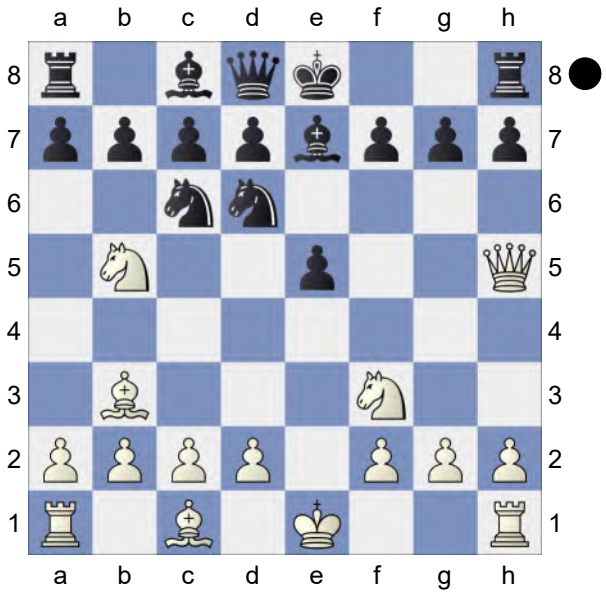
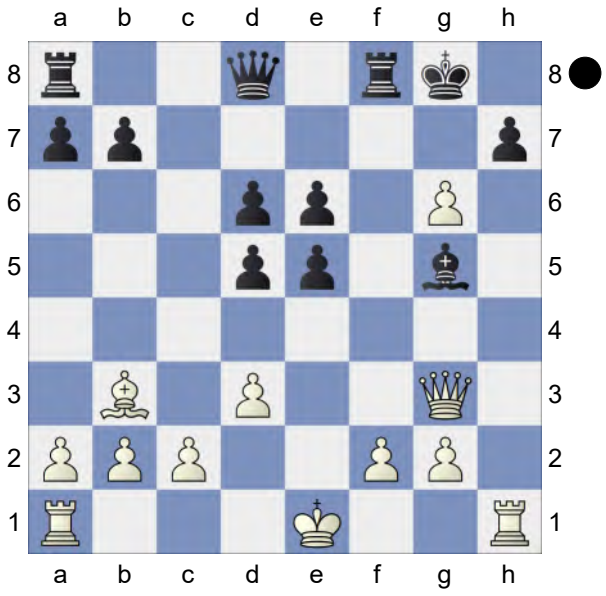


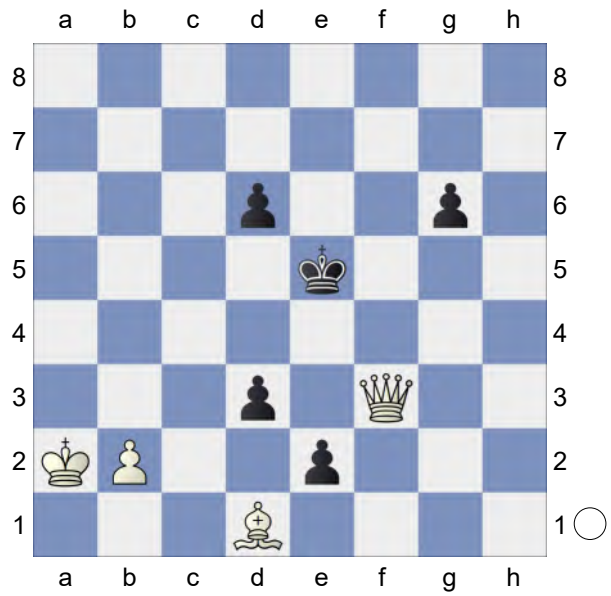
7...0-0N 0.01/20
[7...Nxb5 8.Qxf7#]
[7...g6!∓ -1.06/22 8.Nxd6+
A) 8...cxd6 9.Qh6 e4 10.Qg7 *(10.Ng1 a5 11.a4 d5 12.Bxd5 Nb4 13.Bb3 d5* Vienna Game 2. Nc3 3.Bc4-Vienna Game 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5*)* 10...Rf8 11.Ng1 a5 12.a4 Bf6 13.Qh6 Nd4 Vienna Game 2.Nc3 3.Bc4-Vienna Game 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5;
B) 8...Bxd6]
8.Nxd6= cxd6
[8...Bxd6? 9.Ng5 h6 10.Nxf7 Rxf7 11.Qxf7+ *(11.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)* 11...Kh8 12.0-0+-]
9.d3 -0.39/24
[9.h4= 0.09/23 feels stronger. h6 10.d4]
9...Bf6 0.01/21
[9...d5∓ -0.39/24]
10.h4 -0.80/22
[10.Ng5= 0.01/21 Bxg5 11.Bxg5]
10...g6 -0.04/24
[10...d5∓ -0.80/22]
11.Qg4! d5! 12.h5! d6⇄ Black puts up resistance **13.Qg3 Be6** 0.39/21
[13...Ne7= -0.03/24]

14.Bg5 -0.01/19
[14.Ng5± 0.39/21 Bxg5 15.Bxg5]
14...Nd4 0.66/21
[14...Rc8= -0.01/19]
15.Nxd4 -0.78/21
[15.Bxf6± 0.66/21 was forced to keep a grip. Qxf6 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qxd6]
15...Bxg5∓ 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.hxg6



hxg6 -0.78/23
[Better is 17...h6! -1.52/23 18.0-0 Qf6]
18.f3 -1.91/22
[18.Ke2∓ -0.78/23]
18...Qf6 -1.19/22
[18...Kg7-+ -1.91/22 19.Ke2 Bf4]
19.Ke2 Kg7 20.Qg4 -2.37/18
[20.Rh3∓ -1.18/22]
20...Rh8-+ 21.g3 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Rh8 -0.01/20 Wards off Qh3
[22...Rf8-+ -1.67/23 aiming for ...Qf5. 23.Ba4 Rf7]
23.Rxh8= Kxh8 Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **24.Qa4 a6 25.Qd7 Qe7 26.Qc8+**
[26.Qxe7 simplifies Bxe7 27.c4 dxc4 28.dxc4 Kg7 29.Ba4]
26...Kg7 27.a4 -0.56/22
[27.Kf2= -0.18/21]
27...a5 -0.06/22
[27...Bc1∓ -0.56/22]
28.c3 -0.45/22
[28.Kf2= -0.06/22]
28...Bh6 29.Kd1 Be3 30.Kc2 b6 31.Kb1 Bc5 32.Ka2 Qf6 33.Qd7+
[33.Bd1 feels hotter. d4 34.b4 Qg5 35.f4]
33...Kh6 34.f4 exf4 35.gxf4 Kh5? 6.93/26
[35...Qxf4? 36.d4+- *(36.Qxe6 d4∓)*]
[35...d4= -0.01/24]
36.Bd1+ Kh4 37.Qh7+ Kg3 38.Qg8? -0.13/22
[38.d4+- 5.24/25 Qf5 39.Qe7 *(39.dxc5 bxc5 40.Qh1 Qd3+-)*]
38...Kxf4 1.02/27
[38...d4= -0.13/22 keeps the balance.]
39.d4± Bxd4 2.46/26 **40.cxd4+-** and Qb8 should not be overlooked
40...Qxd4? 4.56/27
[40...Kg3 2.39/24 41.Qh7 e5]
41.Qf7+ Kg5 42.Qe7+ Qf6 4.80/26
[42...Kh6 3.08/28 was worth a try.]
43.Qc7 e5? 6.28/25
[43...Qd4 2.96/26]
44.Qxb6 d4 45.Qxa5 Kf4 46.Qd2+ Kg3 47.a5 e4 48.Qe1+ Kf4 49.Qf2+ Ke5 50.Qxf6+ Kxf6 KB-KP **51.a6 e3 52.a7 d3 53.a8Q** White mates. **53...e2 54.Qf3+ Ke5**

(Diagram)



55.Bxe2! dxe2
[55...d2 56.Qe3+]
56.Qxe2+ Kf4 57.Qd2+ Kf3 58.Qxd6 g5 59.Qf6+ Ke4 Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.82
60.b4
1-0

35 **C27**
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2480**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2570**
WSCC 2025 chess.com INT (3.12)
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal. **9.d3**
[9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 c6N 0.33/22 Repels Nd5
[10...b6= -0.13/22 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.Bd2 Re8 Vienna Game 2.Nc3 3.Bc4-Vienna Game 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5]
11.Be3 b6 12.h4 Ne8 13.h5 Qc7 0.33/21
[13...d5= -0.08/21]
14.Qd4 -0.10/22
[14.0-0± 0.33/21]
14...Bf6 0.35/23
[14...h6= -0.10/22]
15.Qa4 -0.01/21
[15.Qb4!± 0.35/23]
15...d5 0.51/22
[15...h6!= -0.01/21]
16.h6± g6 17.0-0-0 -0.16/21
[17.0-0!± 0.59/22]
17...Be6 0.32/23
[17...b5= -0.16/21 18.Qf4 Qxf4 19.Bxf4 Bg4]
18.Bf4↑ White has some pressure.
18...Nd6 1.50/22
[18...b5= 0.19/22 19.Bxc7 bxa4]
19.Be5 0.46/22
[19.Ne4± 1.50/22 dxe4 20.dxe4]
19...Bxe5 20.Nxe5 c5 0.78/23
[20...b5!= 0.08/23 21.Qf4 f6]
21.Qf4 -0.01/23
[21.d4!± 0.78/23]
21...f6= 22.Ng4 A dynamic duo of knights. **22...Ne8 23.Qf3 Qd7** 2.20/23
[23...Qc8!= -0.10/20 24.Rde1 Bxg4 *(24...d4 25.Rxe6* Deflection *Qxe6 26.Qxa8±)* 25.Qxd5+ Kh8]
24.Ne3+- Nc7 25.d4 Rad8 26.Kb1? 1.01/21
[26.dxc5!+- 2.94/21 is the precise move to win. bxc5 27.Ncxd5 Bxd5

(27...Nxd5? 28.c4+-) 28.Nxd5 Nxd5 29.c4]

26...Qf7± 27.g4 0.09/22
[27.Rhe1± 0.97/20]

27...Rd7? 1.62/21
[27...f5= 0.09/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

28.Rd2 0.69/21
[28.Qg2+- 1.62/21]

28...Rfd8 1.98/21
[28...f5!± 0.69/21]

29.Re1 0.54/21
[29.Rhd1+- 1.98/21]

29...Qf8± 30.Qf4 0.47/20
[30.Qh1± 0.88/22]

30...Qf7? 2.46/21
[30...Rf7!± 0.47/20]

31.f3? 0.70/20
[31.Nf5!+- 2.46/21]

31...Qf8 32.Nf1 c4? 2.56/22
[32...Bf7± 0.66/20]

33.Rde2 1.42/21
[33.bxc4+- 2.56/22 Black must now prevent Rde2. dxc4 34.Ne4]

33...Qf7 2.03/22
[33...g5± 1.42/21 34.Qh2 Bf7]

34.Ng3 1.03/23
[White should play 34.Nd2+- 2.03/22]

34...cxb3± 35.cxb3 Re8 1.38/24
[⌓35...Rd6 1.00/22]

36.g5? -0.72/28
[36.Nf5!± 1.38/24]

36...fxg5∓ 37.Qxg5 Rde7? 1.46/26
[37...Rf8!∓ -1.04/25 keeps the pressure on. 38.Re5 Rd6]

38.Ka2 Qxf3 39.Re3 Qf8 40.Rf1 0.01/23
[40.Nh5± 1.22/24 Rf7 41.Ng7 Rxg7 *(41...Qe7? 42.Nxe6* Remove Defender *Nxe6 43.Qxd5+-)* 42.hxg7]

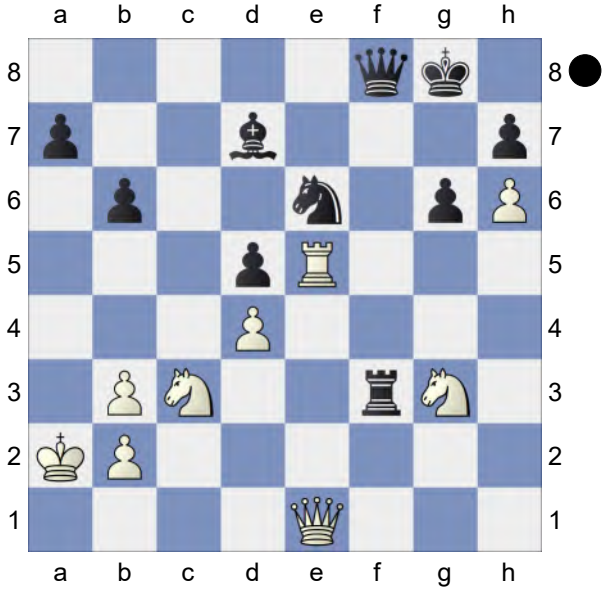
40...Rf7= 41.Rfe1 -2.03/22
[41.Rxf7!= 0.01/24 Qxf7 *(41...Bxf7 42.Rxe8 Nxe8 43.Nf5=)* 42.Nh5]

41...Bd7?? 3.05/27
[41...Qe7-+ -2.03/22 42.Qe5 Qd8]

42.Re5 -0.01/24
[42.Nxd5 Ne6 43.Qh4 Bc6=]
[42.Rxe8!+- 3.05/27 Nxe8 43.Nxd5 *(43.Qxd5 Nf6=)*]

42...Rxe5 43.Rxe5 Ne6 44.Qe3 -2.46/29
[44.Qh4!= -0.01/26]

44...Rf3-+ 45.Qe1 -4.87/28
[45.Qd2 -2.36/26 was worth a try. Rxg3 46.Qe1]

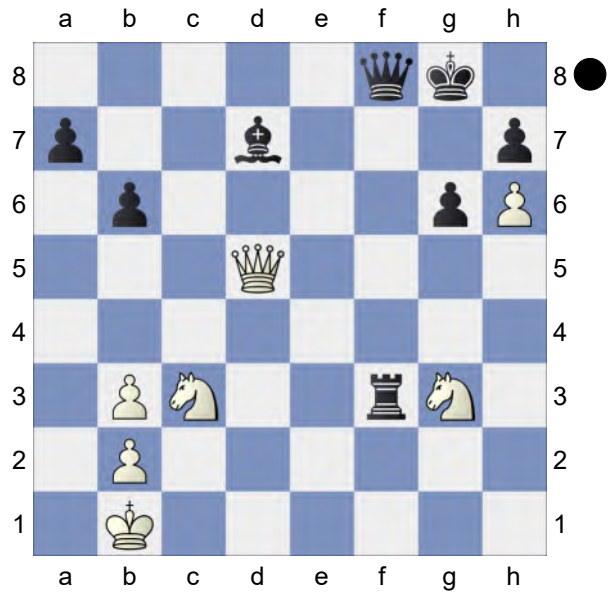


45...Nxd4? -0.01/22
[45...Nf4!-+ -4.87/28 46.Re3 Rxe3 47.Qxe3 Qd6 *(47...Qxh6 48.Nxd5 g5 49.Qe5=)*]

46.Rxd5? -1.84/25
[46.Nxd5= -0.01/22 Nc6 *(46...Rxb3? 47.Ne7+ Kf7 48.Qf2+ Rf3 49.Qxd4+-; 46...Qxh6? 47.Re7+-)* 47.Ne7+ Nxe7 48.Rxe7]

46...Nc2 47.Qe5 Nb4+ 48.Kb1? -5.41/24
[48.Ka1 -1.86/28 was the crucial defense. Nxd5 49.Nxd5 Qxh6 50.Ne4]

48...Nxd5 49.Qxd5+ Qf7 50.Qa8+ Qf8? 0.01/25
[50...Be8-+ -5.46/29 51.Nge4 Qe6 52.Qxa7 Rf7 *(52...Qxb3 53.Qg7#)*]
51.Qd5+=

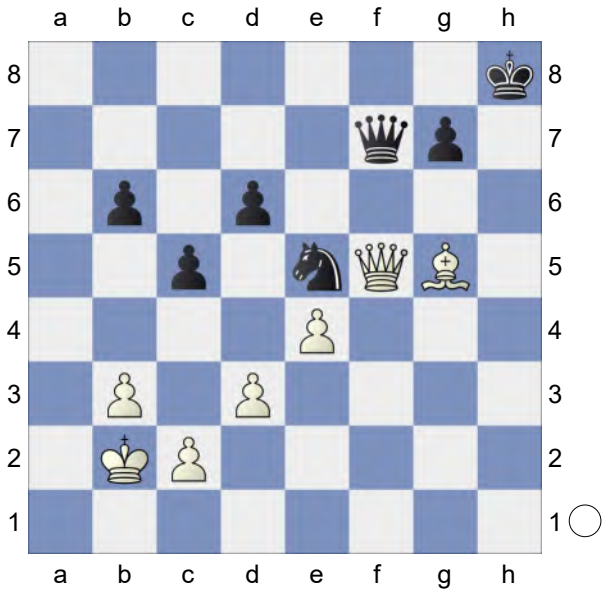


Rf7! 52.Nge4 Kh8? 0.01/29
[52...Qe7-+ -5.91/26 53.Qd4 Bg4]
53.Qe5+ Kg8 54.Qd5 Kh8? 0.01/31
[54...Qxh6 55.Nf6+ Kg7 56.Nxd7 Rf1+ 57.Ka2∓]
[54...Qe7-+ -5.80/26 55.Qd4 Bf5]
55.Ka2 Bf5 0.38/31
[55...Bh3= 0.01/28]
56.Qe5+ -0.01/23
[56.Ng5± 0.38/31 was preferable. Rd7 57.Qe5+ Kg8 58.Nd5 Bb1+ Decoy *(58...Qxh6? 59.Nf6+ Kf8 60.Qe8+ Kg7 61.Nxd7+-)* 59.Kxb1 *(59.Ka1 Bc2±)* 59...Qf1+ 60.Kc2 *(60.Ka2 Qa6+ 61.Kb1 Qf1+ 62.Kc2 Qf2+ 63.Kd3 Qf5+ 64.Qxf5 gxf5±)* 60...Qf2+ *(60...Qg2+ 61.Kc3)* 61.Kd3 Qf1+ *(61...Qf5+ 62.Qxf5 gxf5 63.Kc4±)* 62.Ke3 Qg1+ 63.Ke4 *(63.Kd2 Qf2+ 64.Kd3 Qf1+ 65.Ke3 Qg1+ 66.Ke4 Qg4+ 67.Ke3 Qg1++-)* 63...Qg4+ 64.Nf4 Qf5+ 65.Qxf5 gxf5+ 66.Ke5 *(66.Kxf5 Rd6±)*]
56...Kg8 57.Nd6 -5.26/26
[57.Ng5!= -0.01/23]
57...Re7 -2.60/25
[⌓57...Rf6 -5.26/26 58.Ndb5 Bd7]
58.Qd5+ -5.41/25
[58.Qd4 -2.60/25 is the only way for White.]
58...Kh8? 0.01/29
[58...Be6-+ -5.41/25 59.Qd4 Qxh6]
59.Nxf5? -2.87/27
[59.Qd4+= 0.01/29 and White has nothing to worry. Kg8 60.Nce4 Qxh6 *(60...Bxe4 61.Qc4+ Rf7 62.Nxf7=)* 61.Nf6+ Kf8 62.Nh5 Back Rank]
59...gxf5 Endgame KQR-KQN **60.Qd4+ Kg8 61.Nd5?** -4.42/26
[61.Qc4+ -2.26/26 Rf7 62.Qf4]
61...Rf7? 0.01/27
[Better is 61...Re6-+ -4.42/26 62.Qf4 b5 *(62...Rxh6 63.Ne7+ Kh8 64.Qe5+ Rf6 65.Nd5∓* Pin*; 62...Qxh6 63.Qc4∓)* 63.Qg5+ Kh8]
62.Nf4? -7.79/27
[62.Qg1+= 0.01/27 Kh8 63.Qd4+ Kg8 64.Qg1+]
62...Qxh6-+ 63.Qd8+ Qf8 64.Qg5+ Rg7 65.Qh6 Qf7 66.Qd6 Rg4 67.Qd8+ Qf8? -0.01/23
[67...Kg7-+ -5.50/32 68.Qd4+ Kh6 69.Qd6+ Kg5 70.Ne6+ Kh5 71.Nf4+ Kh4 72.Qh6+ Kg3 73.Ne2+ Kg2 *(73...Kf3? 74.Qd2-+)*]
68.Qd5+= Qf7 69.Qd8+! Qf8? 0.01/22
[69...Kg7-+ -5.73/29 70.Qd4+ Kh6]
70.Qd5+ Qf7 71.Qd4? -7.56/24 Inhibits Qxd5.
[71.Qd8+= 0.01/20 Kg7 72.Qd4+ Kh6 73.Qd2]
71...Rxf4 72.Qxf4-+ KQ-KQ. Black is two pawns up. **72...h6** Prevents Qg5+. **73.Qxh6 Qd7 74.Qg6+ Kf8 75.Qf6+ Ke8 76.Qe5+ Kf7 77.Qf4 Kg6** -2.16/27

[⌓77...Qd3 -3.92/27 Strongly threatening ...Kg6. 78.Qc7+ Kg6]
78.Qg3+ Kf6 79.Qh4+ Ke5 80.Qh8+ Ke4? -0.01/25
[80...Kd5-+ -2.20/28 81.Qh1+ Ke5]
81.Qh4+? -7.14/26
[81.Qh1+= -0.01/25 Ke5 82.Qh8+ Kd6 83.Qc3]
81...f4 82.Qe1+ Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.93
82...Kf5
0-1

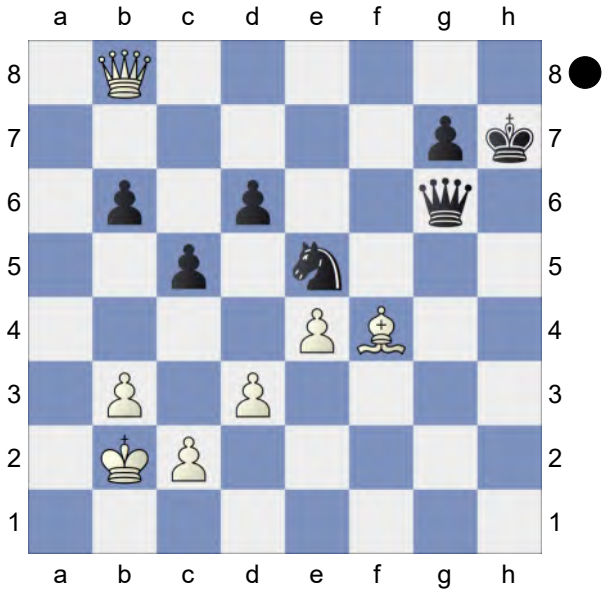
36 **C27**
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2480**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2570**
WSCC 2025 chess.com INT (3.8) 21.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.d3
[9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5N
[11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 a5 13.Bd2 Re8 Vienna Game 2.Nc3 3.Bc4-Vienna Game 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5]
11...Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7+ 13.Be3 Rfe8 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Rde1 Qf8 16.Bd4 -0.42/20
[16.Rhg1= -0.01/20 should be considered.]
16...a4 0.22/26
[16...Re6!∓ -0.42/20]
17.Rxe8 Qxe8 0.47/25
[17...Nxe8= -0.01/25 18.bxa4 Rxa4]
18.Re1 Qf8 19.bxa4 and b3 would now be decisive **19...Rxa4 20.b3 Ra8 21.Qg4** 0.24/24
[21.Ne5± 0.68/22 Qd8 22.Ng4]
21...Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Re8 23.Re3 Rxe3 24.fxe3= Endgame KQB-KQN **24...Qe7 25.e4 f6 26.g4 Nf7 27.Qf4 d6 28.Qf5 h6 29.h4 Ne5 30.Qc8+ Kh7**
[30...Kf7 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Kd2 Qb4+]
31.Kb2 c5
[31...Qd7 32.Qxd7 Nxd7 33.Ka3 g5]
32.Be3 Nf7 33.Bf4 0.01/23
[33.Bd2!± 0.56/23]
33...Ne5 34.Qf5+ Kh8 35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 fxg5 37.Bxg5 Qf7 2.95/28
[37...Qe8± 0.57/23]



38.Qh3+? 0.50/27
[38.Qxf7!+- 2.95/28 Nxf7 39.Be3]
38...Kg8± 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Qb8 0.01/24
[40.Qd8!± 0.51/25 Nf3 41.Be3

(41.Be7 Nd4=)]
40...Qg6= 41.Bf4



Nxd3+ 42.cxd3 The position is equal.
42...Qf6+ 43.e5 Qxf4 44.Qxd6 Qd2+ 45.Ka3 Qa5+
[45...Qc3!? 46.Ka2□ Qc2+ 47.Ka3 Qc3=]
46.Kb2 Active counter play! **46...Qd2+ 47.Ka3 Qa5+**
[47...Qc3!? 48.Ka2□ Qd2+ 49.Ka1 Qc1+ 50.Ka2 Qc2+ 51.Ka1 Qxb3=]
48.Kb2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
48...Qd2+
½-½

37 **C27**
□ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2598**
■ **Mamedov,Nid** **2609**
75th ch-AZE Final 2021 (2.3) 18.05.2021
[Postny, E, TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2N
[7.Nf3 c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 1-0 (49) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2715)-Novik (2641) British CC Ch 9293 1992]
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]
7...Ne8
[7...Nc6 8.Qh5 *(8.Qf4 Na5 9.d3 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6=)* 8...g6 9.Qf3 Nf5! 10.Nd5 -0.81/18 *(10.d3∓* -0.37/21 *)* 10...d6= -0.35/20 0-1 (34) Kalugin,S (2511)-Bezgodov,A (2576) Moscow 1999 *(10...Re8∓* -0.81/18 *11.0-0 Bg5)*]
8.0-0 -0.59/23
[8.d4! c6 Prevents Nd5. *(8...Nc6 9.Qg3 Na5* is also sufficient for equality. *)* 9.d5 d6 10.Qg3 c5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ne4 -0.22/20 *(12.a4* 0.17/19 *)* 12...Ndf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.c4 g6 15.Re1 Be5 16.f4 -0.79/20 *(16.Qf3=* -0.18/21 remains equal.*)* 16...Bf6= 0-1 (32) Sveshnikov,V (2377)-Neiksans,A (2582) Riga 2017]
[8.d4!= 0.07/22]
8...c6∓ Black is slightly better. **9.d4 d5** Black has no problems. Currently White has more pieces developed, but his queen looks ridiculous in the centre.
10.Qg3
[10.Ng3 Bd6 -0.20/22 *(10...Nd6∓* -0.57/20 *)* 11.Qh5 Nf6 12.Qh4 h6 0.01/21 Wards off Bg5 *(12...Be7∓*

-0.36/21 *13.Re1 Re8)* 13.h3 -0.43/20 *(13.Nd1=* 0.01/21 *)* 13...Na6= 14.Bxh6?! -2.06/22 *(14.Nd1=* -0.14/22 and White stays safe.*)* 14...gxh6-+ 15.Qxh6 Bxd5! would now be deadly. Nh7 and ...Qf6 would now be decisive 16.Rae1 -2.34/21 *(16.Nh5∓* -1.34/21 *Qg5 17.Qxd6 Qxh5 18.Rfe1)* 16...Bxg3 17.fxg3 Qg5 Prevents Re5 18.Qd6 Be6 19.Re5 Qg7∓ -1.37/20 1-0 (38) Skliarov,V (2376)-Garrido Outon,A (2339) Chess.com INT 2020 *(19...Qd8-+* -1.83/22 *20.Qa3 Nc7)*]

10...Na6 White is seemingly more active, but his ♘c3 and ♗b3 are misplaced and it will take some time to regroup these forces. **11.Bd2** -0.82/20

[11.Nd1∓ -0.41/20]

11...Nac7∓ 12.Rae1 Ne6 -0.45/19

[Black should try 12...Nd6∓ -0.88/19]

13.Qd3 -1.02/20

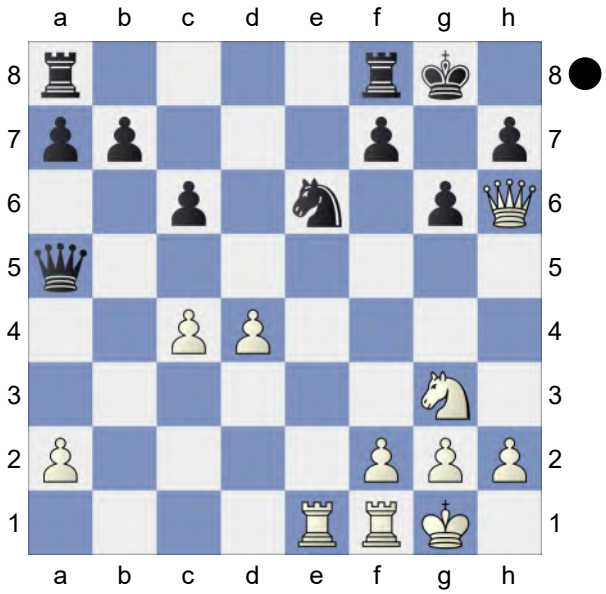
[13.Nd1∓ -0.45/19]

13...g6 14.Nf4 N8g7 15.Nce2 Bd6 -0.25/22

[15...a5∓ -0.65/19 is more appropriate. 16.a3 a4]

16.c4= Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Qd2 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.b3 Qa5 22.Ng3 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Ne6 24.Qh6

(Diagram)



Qd8 25.Re4 Qg5 26.Qxg5 Nxg5 27.Re7 Rad8 28.f4 Ne6 29.f5 Nxd4 30.Rxb7 Nxf5 31.Nxf5

[Of course not 31.Rxa7 Ne3 32.Re1 Nxc4∓]

31...gxf5 32.Rxf5 Endgame KRR-KRR **32...Rd1+ 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1** KR-KR **34...Rd8** The position is equal. **35.Rxa7 Rd4 36.Re7 Rxc4 37.Re1 Ra4 38.Re2 Kg7 39.Ke1 h5 40.Kd1 Kf6 41.Kc1 c5 42.Kb2 h4 43.Kb3 Rb4+ 44.Kc3 Ra4 45.Kb3 Rb4+ 46.Kc3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

46...Ra4

½-½

38 **C27**

□ **Annaberdiyev,Meylis** **2449**

■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2643**

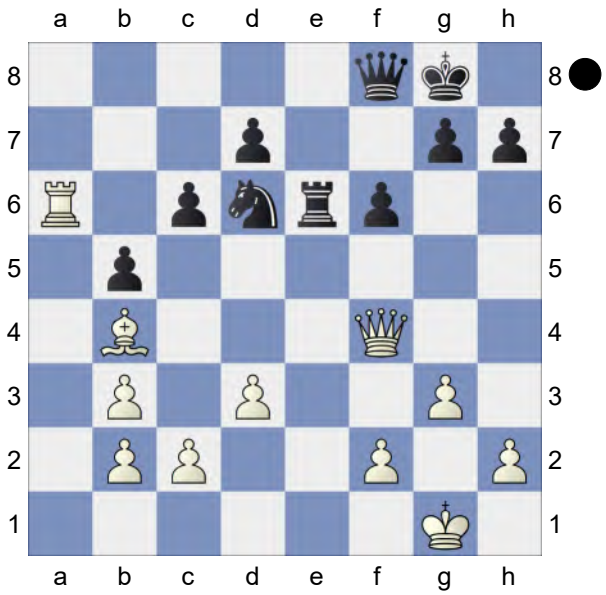
Titled Tue 25. Feb Late (10) 25.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

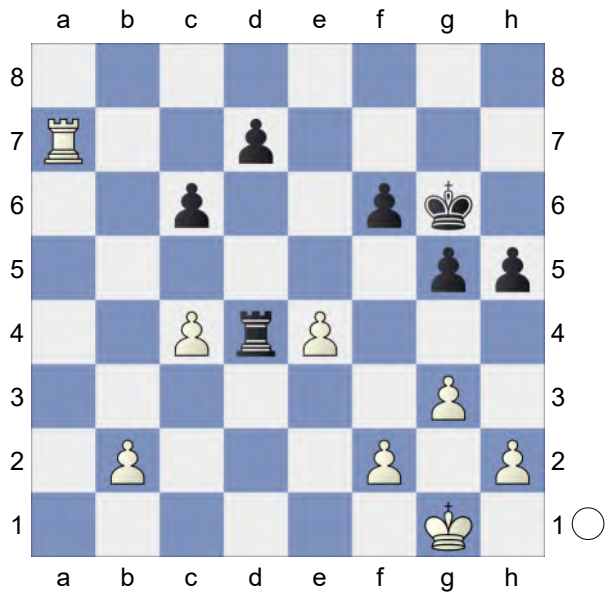
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0

7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal. **9.0-0 b5N** 0.65/24
[Black should try 9...Nxb3= -0.02/21 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 *(11...Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 24.Kf2 a5 25.Qe3 Ba6 26.Nd3* ½-½ (45) Piesik, P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4) *)* 12.Nxe7+ *(12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.Rfe1 a6* 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7.Nf3 with 8.Qf4 #8 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense *)* 12...Qxe7 13.d3 Bb7 14.Bd2 f6 15.b4 a6 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7.Nf3 with 8.Qf4 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
10.Nd5± Re8? 2.53/25
[10...Nxb3± 0.56/26 11.Nxe7+ *(11.axb3 Re8=)* 11...Qxe7 12.axb3 *(12.Re1 Qxe1+ 13.Nxe1 Re8∓)* 12...Qe6]
11.d3? 0.48/26
[11.Nxc7+- 2.53/25 Nxb3 *(11...Qxc7? 12.Bxf7+* Pin, Double Attack *Kf8 13.Bd5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Bf6 14.Bxa8+-; 11...g5? 12.Nxg5 Nxb3 13.Nxe8+-)* 12.Nxe8 *(12.Nxa8? Nxa1 13.Nd4 Bb7-+)*]
11...Bb7 12.Bd2 Nxb3 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.axb3 f6 15.Bb4 Bxf3 1.42/24
[15...Qf7± 0.63/22]
16.Qxf3± a6? 2.98/25
[16...Qe5± 1.15/25]
17.Rfe1+- Qf8 18.Rxe8 Rxe8 19.g3
[But not 19.Rxa6?! Nf7 20.Bc3 *(20.Bxf8? Re1#)* 20...c6±]
19...c6 4.44/23
[⌓19...Re6 2.86/23 20.Rxa6 c6]
20.Rxa6 2.55/22
[⌓20.d4 4.44/23]
20...Re6 21.Qf4



aiming for Ra7. **21...g5** 3.05/21
[21...Qc8 2.10/21 was worth a try. 22.Ra7 Ne8]
22.Qd4 Qe7? 5.83/22
[22...Qc8 2.95/22]
23.Ra8+ Kg7 24.Ra7 h5 25.c4 Kg6 26.Bxd6 -0.85/28
[26.Kf1+- 3.57/26]
26...Rxd6∓ 27.Qe4+ Qxe4 28.dxe4 bxc4 0.01/21
[28...Rd1+∓ -0.93/24 29.Kg2 b4]
29.bxc4= Rd4

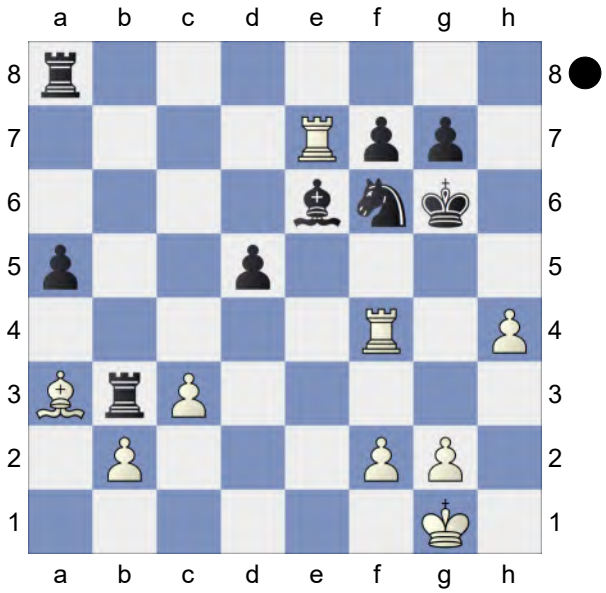
(Diagram)



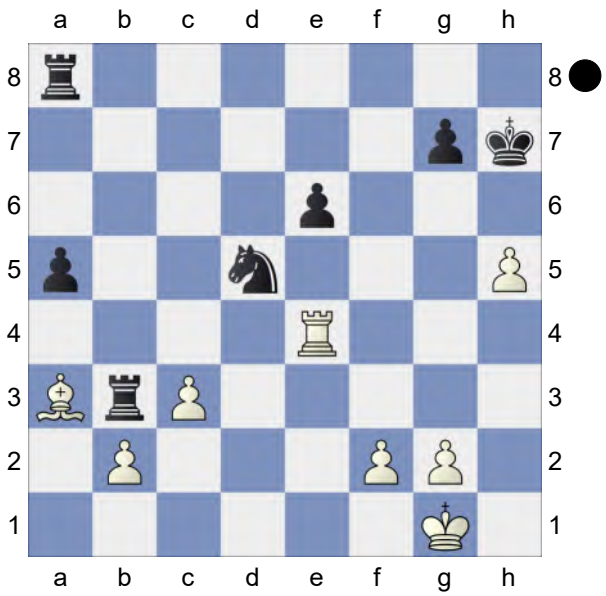
30.Rxd7? -8.87/24
Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.63
30...Rxd7
0-1

39 **C27**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2787**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2763**
chess.com QF Blitz 1m+1spm 2016 (23)
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 0.19/21
[⌓6...Nc6 -0.23/23]
7.0-0 -0.31/22
[7.Nxe5= 0.19/21 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.0-0]
7...Nc6 0.19/23
[Better is 7...e4∓ -0.31/22 8.Ne5 Nc6]
8.d4 -0.20/24
[⌓8.Nxe5 0.19/23 Nxe5 9.Qxe5]
8...Nxd4= The position is equal.
[8...exd4 9.Nd5±]
9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Ne8 11.Re1↑ White has some pressure. **11...Nf6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qxh7+ Kxh7 14.Rxe7 c6N** 0.88/23
[14...Kg8± 0.52/23]
15.Bg5 0.13/21
[Much worse is 15.Rxf7 Rxf7 16.Bxf7 d6=]
[15.Bxf7± 0.88/23 Threatens to win with Bf4. Ng8 16.Bxg8+ Kxg8 17.h3]
15...Kg6 16.h4 d5 17.Rd1 c5 ...c4 is the strong threat. **18.c3?** -1.50/20
[18.c4= 0.28/22]
18...c4∓ This costs White the game.
19.Rxd4? -3.53/19
[19.Bc2+∓ -1.27/20 d3 20.Ba4]
19...cxb3-+ 20.axb3 b6 21.Ra4 a5 22.Be3 Bd7 23.Rf4 Be6 24.Bxb6? -6.15/24
[24.Rb7 -3.44/20]
24...Rfb8 25.Bc5 Rxb3 26.Ba3



d4! 27.Rxd4 Nd5 Against Rc7 **28.h5+ Kh7**
[Not 28...Kxh5 29.Rxd5+ Bxd5 30.Re5+ Kg6 31.Rxd5∓]
29.Rxe6 fxe6 30.Re4
(Diagram)

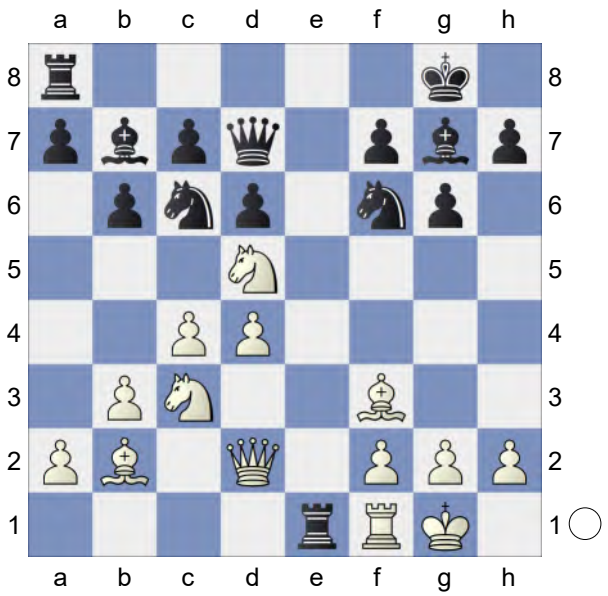


Nxc3! 31.Re3
[31.Rxe6 Nb5]
31...Rc8 32.Kh2 a4 33.Rxe6 Nd5 34.Rd6 Nf6 (-> ...Ng4+) **35.h6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
35...Ng4+
0-1

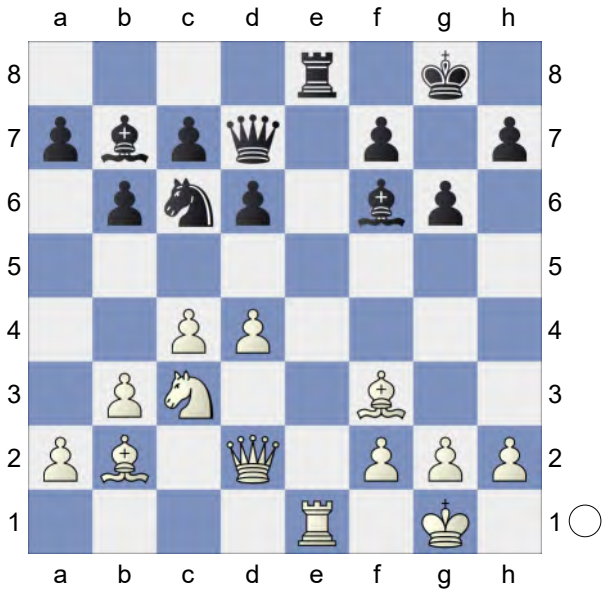
40 **C27**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2723**
125/68 2015
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4N
[7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 a6 21.Rae1 d6 0-1 (51) Gerstner,B (2569)-Intro (2629) USSR 6/567 1968 (5.4) 22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Ng3 Rae8 26.Nf5 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qe6 29.Bc3 Bc8 30.g4 h5 31.Kf2 Bd7 32.b4 Be8 33.Bd4 Bg6 34.c4 c5 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Bc3 b5 1-0 (51) Shirov,A (2736)-Radjabov,T (2656) Linares 21st 2004 (6)]
[7.Nge2 Ne8 8.0-0 c6 9.d4 d5 10.Qg3 Na6 11.Bd2 Nac7 12.Rae1 Ne6 13.Qd3 g6 14.Nf4 N8g7 15.Nce2 Bd6 16.c4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Qd2 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.b3 Qa5 ½-½ (46) 9. Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘b6 (2598)-Mendes Marto,R (2609) Autumn Moscow 1909 (2.3)]
7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 0.35/22
[12...Ne7= -0.07/22]
13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 1.01/22
[16...Rb8± 0.45/20]
17.b3± Bg7 1.36/21
[Better is 17...Rb8 0.82/19]
18.Bb2 Bb7 1.79/20
[18...a6± 1.22/19]
19.Rae1+- d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 0.60/24
[21.d5± 1.57/20 Ne5 22.Be2]
21...Rxe1 1.42/24
[21...Nxd5± 0.60/24 22.Bxd5 *(22.Nxd5 Na5±)* 22...Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Re8]

(Diagram)



22.Rxe1 0.66/21
[Much weaker is 22.Qxe1?! Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Re8=]
[22.Nxf6+!± 1.42/24 Bxf6 23.Rxe1]
22...Re8 1.34/22
[22...Nxd5!± 0.66/21 23.Nxd5 Kf8]
23.Nxf6+± Bxf6

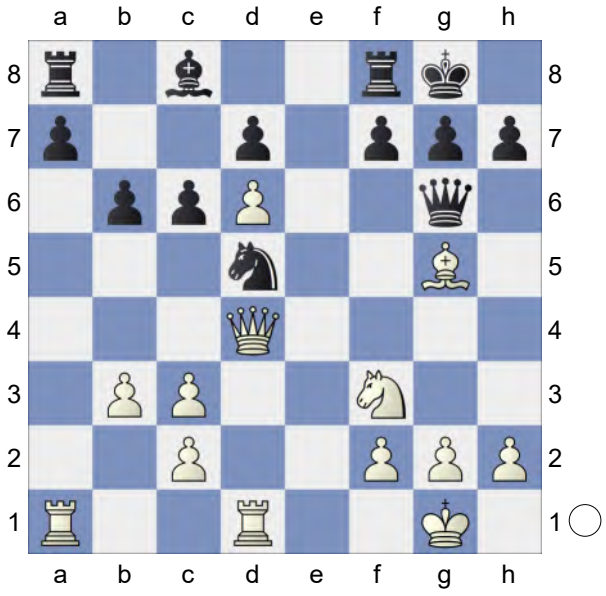


24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Nd5 Bd8 26.g3 White is much more active. **26...Na5 27.h4** 1.07/22
[⌓27.Qc3 1.55/23]
27...Bxd5 28.Bxd5 Nc6 Black is weak on the light squares **29.h5** 0.63/22
[White should play 29.Kg2± 1.13/21]
29...Ne7 And now ...Nxd5 would win. **30.Bf3 Nf5 31.d5 Qf8 32.Bg4** A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Qh6 33.Qe1 Ng7 34.Qc3 Kf8 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.b4 Ne8 37.Bc1 Bg5 38.f4 Bf6 39.Qd3 Qh8 40.Kg2 Bc3 41.a3 a5 42.Bd7 axb4 43.axb4** aiming for Qe3. Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
43...Bb2
½-½

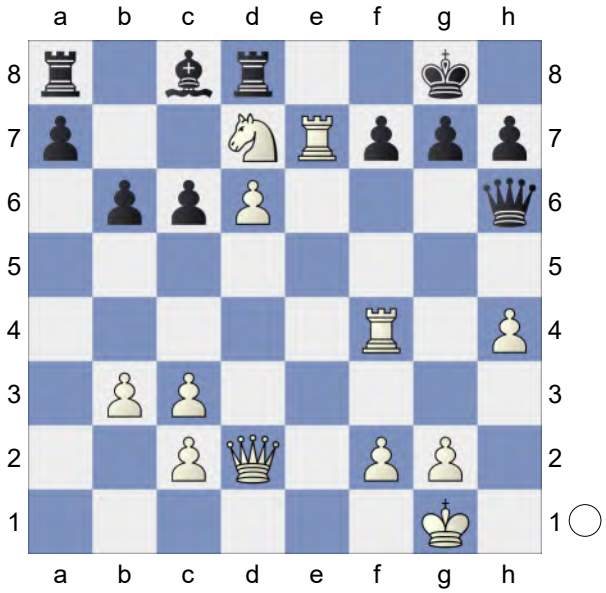
41 **C27**
□ **Cornette,Matthieu** **2527**
■ **Olsen,Filip Boe** **2468**
Wood Green Inv 2025 (2.4) 05.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it! Sokolov,Ivan: 'Nielsen,Peter Heine: 'Firouzja had made a marked impression, at this point leading the tournament with 5 rounds to go. It could be said that someone experienced should have told Alireza to take it easy and aim for a draw, but that would ruin the chance to gain experience and the young Iranian (FIDE?) stays true to his aggressive instincts and goes for it!" **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0**

7.Nf3
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 0-1 Firouzja,A (2723)-Carlsen,M (2872) Tata Steel-A 82nd 2020 (9)]
7...Bf6N
[7...Nc6 8.Qf4 g6 *(8...Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6* 5) Vienna-2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Al*)* 9.0-0 Nf5 10.d4 d6 11.d5 Na5 12.Bd2 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bd7 14.Rfe1 a6 15.Ne4 Re8 16.Bc3 h6 17.h4 h5 18.Nfg5 f6 19.Nf3 Kf7 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bf5 22.Re2 1-0 Atoyan,A (2235)-Namitbir,S (2347) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (6)]
8.Qf4 Ne8 0.48/18
[8...Re8+= 0.04/20 9.Kd1 a5]
9.d4± c6 10.d5 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Rd1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qf6 14.Qc4 Nxb3 15.axb3 Nc7 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Bg5 Qg6 17.d6 Nd5 18.Qd4 b6**



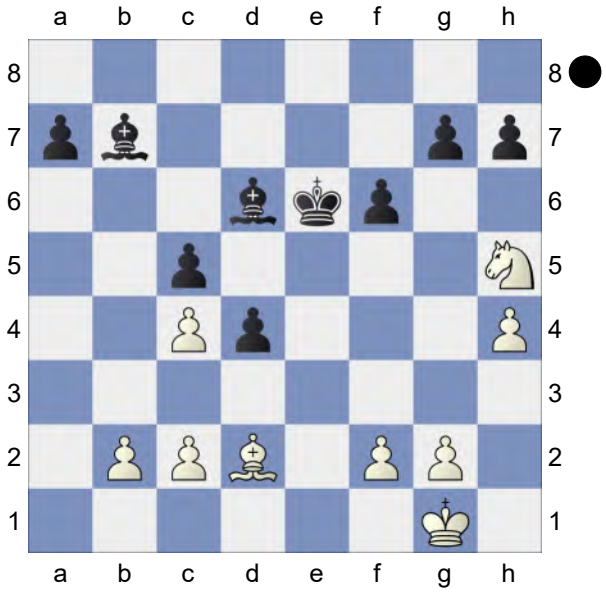
19.Qd2! White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[Much less strong is 19.c4 Nb4±]
19...Nf6 2.24/23
[19...f6± 1.12/21 was called for.]
20.Ne5 Qf5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Re1 Qf5 23.Ra4 1.33/21
[23.Nc4+- 1.78/21]
23...Bb7? 2.97/20 This costs Black the game.
[23...f6± 1.33/21 was worth a try.]
24.Rf4+- Deflection **24...Qg5 25.h4 Qh6** 9.14/22
[⌓25...Qd8 4.06/22 26.Qd3 h6]
26.Nxd7 Rfd8 27.Re7 Bc8



28.Rfxf7! Rxd7 29.Qxh6 3.85/5
[⌓29.Qe2 8.26/24 White threatens Qe2-e5 and mate. Ba6 30.Qe5 *(30.Qxa6 Rxe7 31.Rxe7 Qc1+ 32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Rd8+-; 30.Rxg7+ Qxg7 31.Qe6+ Kh8+-)* 30...Rxe7 31.Rxe7 *(31.Qxe7 Qg6∓)*]
29...Rxe7 #1/6
[29...gxh6+- 3.85/5 30.Rxd7 Bxd7 31.Rxd7 b5]
30.Qxg7# Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.56
1-0

42 **C27**
□ **Amar,Elham** **2518**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2550**
PRO League KO 2023 (1.1) 12.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.d4**
[11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 24.Kf2 a5 25.Qe3 Ba6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
11...Bb7 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bd2N
[13.d5 Bf6 14.Bd2 a5 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7.Nf3 with 8.Qf4 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
13...Bf8 0.14/21
[13...a5 -0.23/19 was preferable.]
14.Ne5 f6 15.Nc4 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 Nf7 17.Qg3 -0.45/21
[17.d5= 0.21/21]
17...d5∓ 18.Ne3 Qd7 19.h4 c5 20.Ne2 Re8 21.Qg4 -1.09/21
[21.f3∓ -0.58/19]
21...Qxg4∓ 22.Nxg4 Nd6 -0.53/23
[22...Ba6∓ -1.27/24 23.Nf4 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 cxd4]
23.dxc5∓ bxc5
[23...Ne4 is more complex. 24.Ng3 h5 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.cxb6 hxg4 28.bxa7 Kf7]
24.Ng3 -1.06/22
[24.h5∓ -0.46/21]
24...Rxe1+∓ 25.Bxe1 Kf7 26.Bd2 Ke6 -0.69/20
[26...Nb5∓ -1.17/23 White must now prevent ...Nd4. 27.c3 d4]
27.Ne3 -1.61/21
[27.f3∓ -0.69/20]
27...d4-+ 28.Nc4 -2.08/23
[28.Nef1∓ -1.47/24]
28...Nxc4 29.bxc4 Endgame KBB-KBN
29...Bd6 This move loses the game for White. **30.Nh5?** -3.20/23
[30.Kf1∓ -0.78/22]



30...Be4! 31.c3
[31.Nxg7+ Kf7 32.Nh5 Bxc2∓]
31...g6 32.Nf4+ Kf5 33.f3 -7.39/25
[⌓33.Ne2 -4.26/25 Bd3 34.Ng3+ Bxg3 35.fxg3]
33...dxc3
[33...Bxf4 34.fxe4+ Kxe4 35.Bxf4 dxc3 *(35...Kxf4 36.cxd4 cxd4 37.b4=)* 36.Bc1∓]
34.g4+ Ke5 35.Bxc3+ Kxf4 36.fxe4 KB-KB **36...Be5 37.Bd2+ Kxe4 38.b4 cxb4 39.Bxb4 Kd4 40.c5 Kc4 41.Ba3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.29 (precise)
41...Kb3
0-1

43 **C27**
□ **Pranav,V** **2628**
■ **Tabuenca Mendataurigoitia,Daniel**
IV Menorca Open A 2025 (8.19) 26.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7! 6.f4 -0.66/21
[6.Qxe5= -0.07/22 0-0 7.d3]
[6.Nf3 0-0 7.h4 Nc6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]
6...exf4N -0.12/22
[6...g6∓ -0.66/21
A) 7.Qe2 e4 8.d3 exd3 9.Qxd3 0-0 10.h4 Na6 *(10...c5 11.Bd5 Nc6 12.h5 Nb4 13.Qh3 g5 14.fxg5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxg5 16.Nf3 Bxc1 17.Rxc1 Re8+ 18.Kf1 Kh8 19.h6 Re4 20.Re1 Qg8 21.Qh2 Qg6 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe7 b6 25.Nf4* ½-½ (27) Christiansen,J (2618)-Carlsen,M (2847) New In Chess Classic 2021 (8) *Ba6+ 26.Kg1 Qe8 27.Qg7#* 1-0 Christiansen,J (2620)-Holm,K (2450) Paleochora op 14th 2021 (4.1)*)* 11.h5 Nc5 12.Qh3 g5 13.fxg5 Nde4 23) Vienna 3.Bc4-Vienna 3.Bc4 with 4.Qh5 Nd6 5 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's 1.e4 e5;
B) 7.Qh3 exf4]
7.Nf3= 0-0 8.d4 The position is equal.
8...g6 9.Qh6 c6 10.g4 Prevents Nf5.
10...Ne8! Black wants to play ...d5.
11.Bxf4 -0.64/19
[White should play 11.d5= -0.01/21 Bf6 12.Bxf4 Qe7+ *(12...Bg7 13.Qh3=)* 13.Kf1]
11...d5∓ 12.Rg1 Na6 -0.26/20
[12...Nf6∓ -0.69/23 13.Ng5 Re8]
13.0-0-0= Nac7 14.h4 Ne6 15.Bd2 f6 16.Ne2 -1.12/19
[16.Kb1∓ -0.31/19]
16...Rf7 -0.58/21
[16...a5∓ -1.12/19 17.a4 Nd6]
17.c3 -1.39/21
[17.Qe3∓ -0.58/21]
17...Nd6 18.Ng3 -2.34/19
[18.Qe3∓ -1.18/20]
18...a5-+ 19.a3 a4 20.Ba2 b5 21.Qe3 -2.17/20
[21.Rdf1∓ -1.49/21]
21...Nc4 22.Qd3 -3.20/21
[22.Qf2 -1.73/20 is the only way for White.]
22...Bd6 23.Kb1
[23.h5 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4+ 25.Kb1 g5-+ *(25...Bxg4 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Nf5∓)*]
23...Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.h5 g5
[25...Bxg4 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Bxc4∓ *(27.Qxg6+ Rg7∓; 27.Ne2 Qd7-+)*]
26.Rde1 Bxg3 27.Rxg3 Re7 28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Qd1 -2.91/23
[29.Qf1∓ -1.44/24 was called for.]
29...Raa7 30.Ka2 Qd6! 31.Rgg1 Rxe1! 32.Nxe1 Re7 33.Qf3 Kf7 34.Nc2

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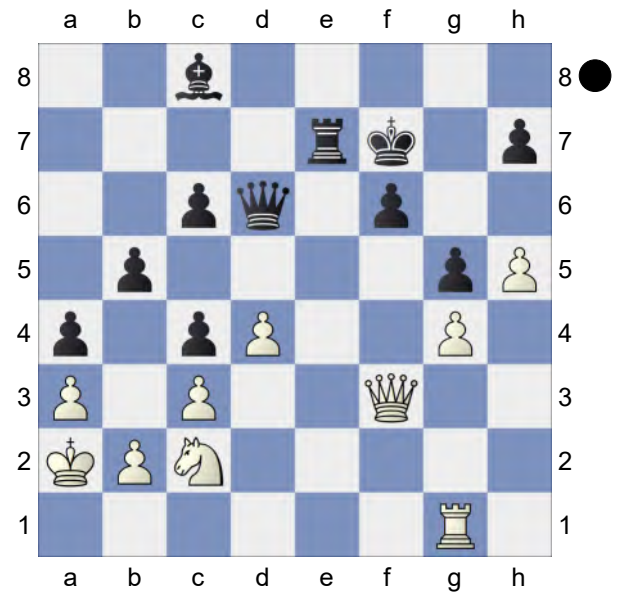

Qf4? -0.01/22
[34...Bd7!-+ -2.16/26 aiming for ... Qf4. 35.Rf1 Kg7]
35.Qxc6= Bxg4 36.Nb4! Really sharp!
[36.Qxb5 Bxh5 37.Qxa4 *(37.Qxc4+? Kg7∓)* 37...Re2∓]
36...Bd7
[36...Bxh5 37.Nd5 Qf2 *(37...Bf3 38.Rf1±)* 38.Nxe7 Qxg1 39.Nd5+-]
37.Qd5+
[37.Qa8 is interesting. Qf5 38.d5 Re2 39.Qd8]
37...Kg7 38.Qc5? -4.10/22
[38.Nc6∓ -0.47/24 Bxc6 39.Qxc6]
38...Rf7? 0.01/22
[Better is 38...Re2-+ -4.10/22 39.h6+ Kg6 *(39...Kxh6 40.Qf8+ Kg6 41.Qg8+ Kf5 42.Qd5+ Kg6 43.Qxd7±)*]
39.d5! g4? 3.79/25
[39...Qh2= -0.01/24 and Black stays safe.]

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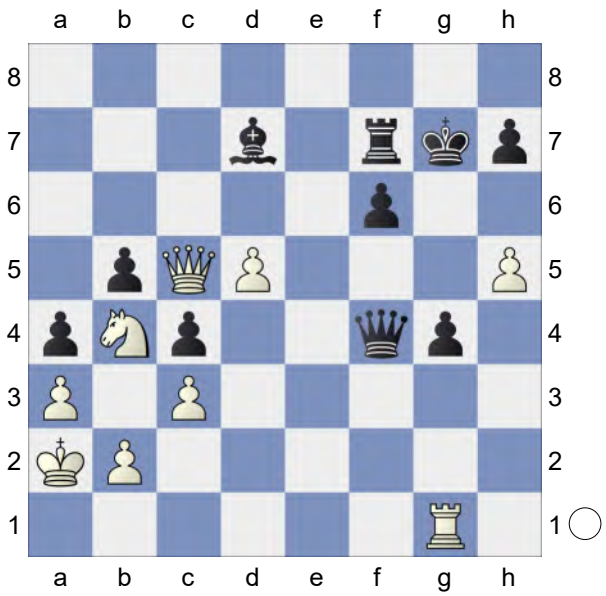


40.Nc6!+- Hoping for Nd8. **40...Kh6?** 10.80/23
[40...Qe4 2.96/22 41.Nd8 b4]
41.Nd8 Rg7 42.Qf8 Be8 Against Nf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.85
43.Ne6 Pin, Deflection
1-0

44 **C27**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2734**
76th Tata Steel Masters (7.3) 19.01.2014
[Mikhalevski, V, TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 It has been a while since we last covered this line. The current game is a good reason to fill the gap. **4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7** A safe continuation. Giri is not in a sacrificial mood.
[5...Nc6 leads to wild complications after 6.Nb5 g6 7.Qf3 f5 8.Qd5 This move forces Black to give up an exchange, though Black obtains compensation after Qe7 *(8...Qf6*

is a reasonable alternative.) 9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 b6 11.h4 Bb7 and so on, Simmons, M (2200)-Hector, J (2570)/Jersey JCI 2003/[Nigel Davies].]

6.Qxe5

[6.Nf3 is a more popular line. The most accurate is Nc6! Black wants to play ...g6. (*6...0-0* 0.33/22 6...Nc6 -0.21 Gufeld, E-Tarve, U/ Tallinn, Estonia 1969/[Paul Motwani].) 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Qe2 -0.47/20 (*8.Nxc6*= -0.11/22 *dxc6 9.Qd1*) 8...Nd4∓ 9.Qd3 Nxb3 10.axb3 0-0 11.0-0 Bf6! (*11...c6!?* also makes sense, with the idea of 12...Nf5 and 13...d5 and Black is slightly better.) 12.Nf3 Shanava, K (2563)-Mchedlishvili, M (2637)/Tbilisi 2013 and now the precise (*12.Re1!?*) 12...b6! 13.Nd5 Bb7!∓ promised Black the advantage.]

6...0-0 7.d4

[The pseudo-aggressive 7.Nd5? -0.88/19 7.Nf3 0.01 is met by Re8∓]

[7.Qf4!? has never been played, but it seems to be the most accurate way to play. Nevertheless, the position remains equal.]

[Earlier White played mostly 7.Nge2]

[and 7.Nf3]

7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5!?⇄ An interesting attempt to fight for the initiative. Black's idea is to exchange the strong light-squared bishop. Black is fighting back

9.Bd5 The most principled continuation. White is trying to keep his bishop.

[After 9.Nf3 Nxb3 10.axb3 b5 11.0-0 Bb7 the chances are roughly equal.]

9...Ne8! This move makes a lot of sense as Black improves the position of his misplaced knight and prepares 10...c6 followed by 11...d5. **10.Bf3! Nc6!** 0.22/22 Once again Giri chooses the safest move.

[10...Nf6 11.d5! looks less clear as the knight on a5 remains misplaced, though I wouldn't be surprised if Black isn't worse here either.]

[10...Bb4 -0.20/22]

11.Nd5!? An attempt to complicate matters.

[After the quiet 11.Nge2 Nf6 12.0-0 d5= the position is equal.]

11...Bd6

[11...Nb4 12.Nxb4 Bxb4+ 13.c3 Be7 14.d5 yields White some practical chances, though objectively the position remains equal.]

12.Qd2

[12.Qe4!?]

12...b6 0.31/21 Since the dark-squared bishop is on d6 Black develops its colleague to the a8-h1 or a6-f1 diagonals. However this move is slightly inaccurate as it allows White to keep his d5-knight.

[Black could have started with 12...Nf6! trying to force an exchange of the knights, as in the game it was avoided by Caruana. 13.Nxf6+ (Now after *13.Ne3* -0.35/23 13.Nxf6+ 0.13 Black can develop his light-squared bishop by means of *Re8 14.Ne2 Bf8 15.0-0 d5* with a good position for Black.) 13...Qxf6 and after 14.Ne2 b6 and Black is by no means worse.]

[12...Ne7= -0.14/25]

13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3! It's clear that Fabiano doesn't want to simplify the position. Now it's not easy to equalise yet. **14...Re8 15.0-0 Bf8** An inaccuracy, which allows White to obtain a slight edge.

[15...Ne4! 0.70/20 15...Rb8 0.24

16.Qd1

A) 16...Qf6 could have been met by 17.Ng3! Bxg3 18.fxg3 0.38/24 *(18.hxg3± 0.81/25 Nxd4 19.Nd5)* 18...Qxd4± 19.Qxd4 Nxd4 20.Nd5! Ba6 21.Rd1± with some complications, something Anish is avoiding.;

B) 16...Ba6! 17.c4 Ng5! And now ...Nxf3+ would win. 18.Bg4 *(or 18.Bd5 Rb8=* with the idea of 19...Nb4.*)* 18...g6 with the ideas of 19...h5 or 19...f5 allows to equalise.]

16.c4!± Now White obtains a strong pawn centre and slightly better chances.

16...g6?! 0.87/22 The Dutch player doesn't feel the danger.

[It seems that Black should have tried to exchange the c4-pawn by means of b5. 16...Rb8! 17.Nc3 a6 18.b3 b5±]

[16...Rb8± 0.39/22 is superior.]

17.b3± Bg7 1.30/23

[⌓17...Rb8 0.87/20]

18.Bb2 Now Black is under serious pressure. His position is passive and it's difficult to find any counterplay. **18...Bb7** 1.70/21

[18...Rb8± 1.22/20 is a better defense.]

19.Rae1+-

[I prefer the natural 19.Nc3 0.97/20 19.h3 1.64 Rb8 20.Rfe1± 0.84/19 *(20.Rae1* 1.22/21 *)*]

19...d6

[19...Rb8 1.92/20 19...d6 1.51 20.Nc3 1.00/22 *(20.Ng3+-* 1.92/20 *)* 20...Ne7 Against Nf5 21.d5± isn't much fun either.]

20.Nc3 1.13/21

[20.Ng3+- 1.67/20]

20...Qd7 With his last two moves Black connected the rooks. **21.Ned5** 0.52/24

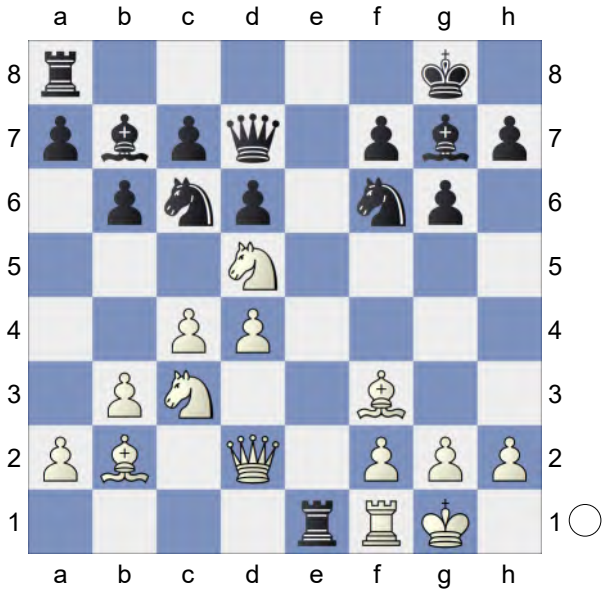
[21.h3! would be more unpleasant as White delays exchanges and lets Black make useless moves.]

[Better is 21.h3± 1.39/21]

21...Rxe1 1.44/25

[It would be better to trade knights, though Black is still under some pressure after 21...Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Rab8! 1.03/23 *(22...Rxe1±* 0.64/21 *23.Rxe1 Kf8)* 23.Qf4 0.49/20 *(* After *23.Bc3* 0.29/20 23.Ne3 1.04 *Ne7* Black simplifies the position.*; 23.Ne3±* 1.03/23 *)* 23...Rxe1!± 24.Rxe1 Re8! 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.g3 Qd8 Wards off Nf6+ 27.h4±]

[21...Nxd5± 0.52/24 22.Nxd5 Na5]



22.Rxe1 0.51/22

[22.Qxe1?! Nxd5 23.Nxd5 a5±]

[22.Nxf6+!± 1.44/25 Bxf6 23.Rxe1]

22...Re8 1.28/23

[22...Nxd5!± 0.51/22 23.Nxd5 h5]

23.Nxf6+± Bxf6

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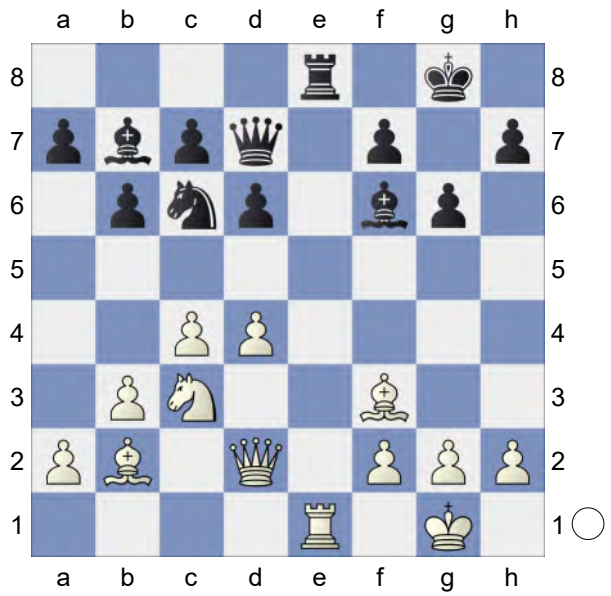

24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Nd5 Bd8 26.g3!? White prepares the advance of the h-pawn. White has more active pieces.
[26.Bc3!± 0.98/22 26.g3 1.48 would have been even more accurate, when White's pressure is already very annoying.]
26...Na5 27.h4! Bxd5 Black destroys the strong knight, but his position remains unpleasant. **28.Bxd5 Nc6** Black is weak on the light squares **29.h5** 0.67/24
[29.Kg2± 1.37/22]
29...Ne7 30.Bf3 Nf5 31.d5! Caruana is improving his position step by step. Now the long dark diagonal is fully in his hands, while playing ...f6 weakens the g6-pawn. **31...Qf8! 32.Bg4** A strong pair of Bishops.
[It seems that the most accurate would have been 32.Kg2! Qh6 33.Qc2 Ng7 34.hxg6 hxg6 35.b4± with the idea of 36.c5.]
32...Qh6 33.Qe1 Surprisingly, this natural move turns out to be inaccurate.
33...Ng7 34.Qc3
[After 34.hxg6 Qxg6! 35.Bh3 0.01/25 *(35.Bd1± 0.44/23)* 35...f5 36.Qc3 and Bxf5! would now be decisive Kf7 White can't stop 37...Bf6.]
34...Kf8
[34...f5!? deserved serious attention. 35.Bh3 Kf7 36.hxg6+ hxg6 37.Bf1 Ne8 38.Qe1 Ng7 and once again Black manages to bring his dark-squared bishop to f6. Inhibits Qe6+.]
35.hxg6 hxg6 36.b4
[or 36.Kg2!? Ne8 37.Bc1 Qg7 38.Qc2 Qd4 39.Bh6+ Kg8 40.Bf3 Bf6± and Black is close to equalising.]
36...Ne8 37.Bc1 Bg5 Provoking f4. **38.f4 Bf6** Black takes the long diagonal and now the worst is behind him. **39.Qd3 Qh8 40.Kg2 Bc3 41.a3 a5 42.Bd7**
[42.bxa5! Bxa5 43.f5!± was the last practical chance.]
42...axb4 The position is equal. **43.axb4 Bb2** Black trades the queens and fully equalises. **44.Be3N Qc3 45.Qxc3**
[45.Qe2? -0.54/27 45.Qxc3 0.01 Nf6∓]
45...Bxc3 46.Bxe8 Kxe8 47.b5 White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
47...f5 with a dead draw. It seems that Caruana missed his chances, though his opening setup should present any problems. Black can equalise by means of 12...Nf6!
½-½

45 **C27**
□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2545**
■ **Aleksandrov,A** **2608**
PNWCC Online Blitz JP 14 (4) 20.06.20
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4

4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Qf4
[8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.Nd5 *(10.0-0 Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Ne4 b5 24.c3 Bxe4* 1-0 (30) Dr C Scholtens (2476)-Torre Attack,C (2211) 83/160 Leon 2001 (11) *)* 10...d6 11.Qc3 Be6 12.d4 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Ncxd4 14.Nxd4 Bf6 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Qd2 c6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bd3 Re8 19.c3 Ne6 20.f4 Nc5 21.f5 Bg5 22.Qc2 Bxc1 0-1 (34) 3.♘c3_27460 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B (2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4)]
8...b5N The position is equal.
[8...Na5 9.d3 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7. Nge2 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
9.a4 -0.30/21
[⌓9.0-0 0.15/21]
9...b4 0.15/21
[⌓9...Bg5 -0.30/21 10.Qg4 Ne5]
10.Nd5= Bb7 11.a5 -0.81/22
[11.d3= 0.10/22]
11...Bg5∓ 12.Qg4 Ba6 -0.09/23
[12...Ne5∓ -0.69/20 13.Qxb4 Re8]
13.d3!= Bxc1 14.Rxc1
[14.Nxc1 feels hotter. Re8+ 15.Ne3 Qf6 16.0-0]
14...Nxa5 15.Qxb4 Nxb3 16.Qxb3 Re8 17.Ne3 Prevents Nf5 **17...Qg5**

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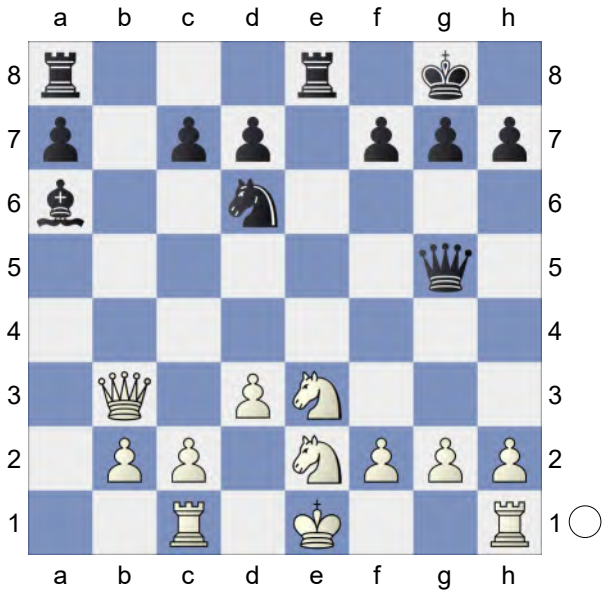

18.0-0 -0.40/21
[18.Qd5± 0.35/21 Qxd5 19.Nxd5]
18...Rab8 0.55/20
[Better is 18...Bb7!∓ -0.40/21 19.Ng3 a5]
19.Qc3 Rbc8 20.Ng3 Bb7 21.Rce1 0.01/21
[White should try 21.Qd4± 0.60/22]
21...h5 22.f4 -0.65/23
[22.h4= -0.01/23 Qe5 *(22...Qxh4 23.Qxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 24.Ngf5+ Nxf5 25.Nxf5+ Kf6 26.Nxh4=)* 23.Ra1]
22...Qb5 0.84/24
[22...Qg6∓ -0.65/23 23.Rf2 h4]
23.f5± Loses the game. **23...h4** 4.63/22
[23...Qb6± 0.82/23 is more resistant. 24.Nxh5 f6]
24.Nh5+-

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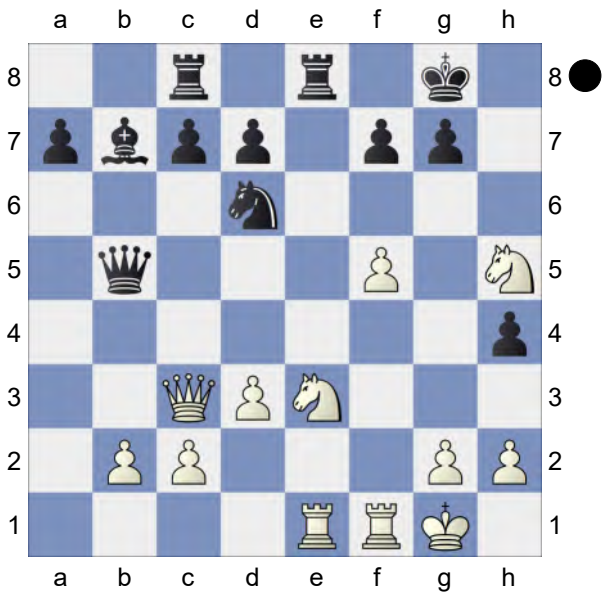
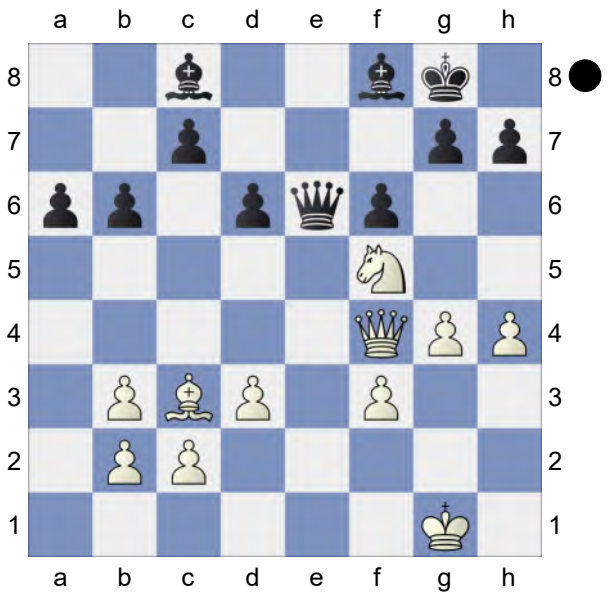


f6 aiming for ...Qb6. **25.Qd4 Nf7** 7.14/24
[⌓25...Re5 4.17/21 26.Qg4 *(26.Qxa7 h3∓; 26.Qxh4 Kf7+-)* 26...Ne8]
26.Qxh4 White is clearly winning. **26...Qxb2 27.Qg3 Ng5 28.h4 Qe5 29.hxg5 Qxg3 30.Nxg3 fxg5 31.Ng4 a5 32.Ra1 Ra8 33.f6** Black must now prevent f7+. **33...Rf8 34.Nh5 gxf6 35.Nhxf6+ Kg7 36.Nxd7 Rf4 37.Rxf4 gxf4 38.Nc5 Bc8 39.Ne5 Kf6 40.d4 Bf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.81
41.c3
1-0

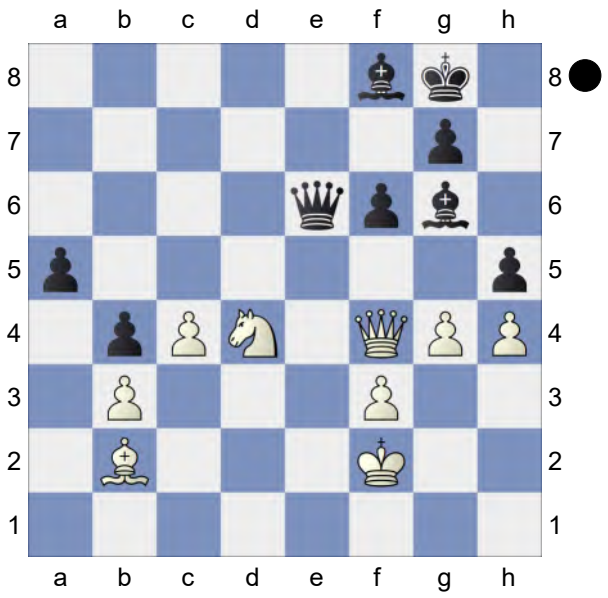
46 **C27**
□ **Forcen Esteban,Daniel** **2569**
■ **Rakhmanov,Alexander** **2629**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (5.4) 10.08.18
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]
7...Nc6N
[7...c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2715)-Motylev,A (2641) 148/98 Russia 2021]
8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6** Prevents Bg5 **14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4** -0.41/21
[16.Nd4= -0.03/20 was preferable.]
16...Qe6∓ 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 -0.85/21
[20.b4= -0.22/20 remains equal.]
20...a6 21.Rae1 d6 -0.34/23
[21...d5∓ -0.91/22]
22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Ng3 Rae8 26.Nf5 Qg4 is the strong threat. **26...Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qe6 29.Bc3 Bc8 30.g4**

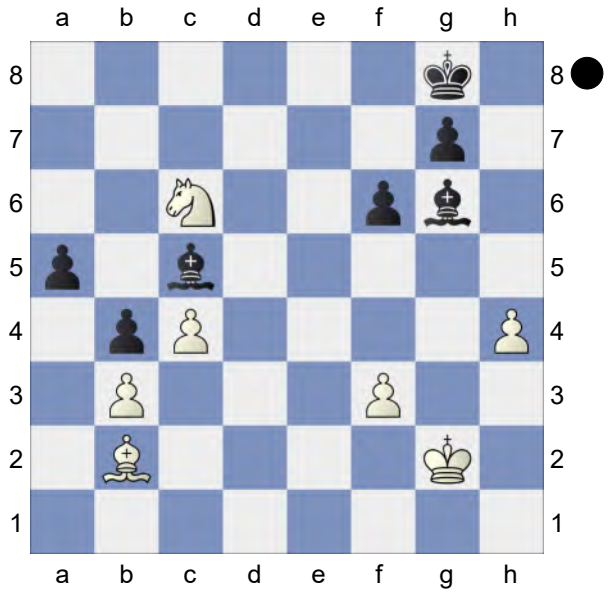
(Diagram)



h5! 31.Kf2 Repels Qe2+ **31...Bd7 32.b4 Be8 33.Bd4 Bg6**
[33...Qd7 simplifies 34.c4 Bg6 35.Bc3 b5]
34.c4 c5 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Bc3 b5 37.b3 b4 38.Bb2 a5 39.d4? -3.67/23
[39.Qe4∓ -0.60/22 Qxe4 40.dxe4]
39...cxd4 -1.92/25
[⩲39...a4 -3.67/23 40.bxa4 *(40.d5 Qd7∓)* 40...hxg4 *(40...Qxc4? 41.Qc1-+)*]
40.Nxd4-+



Bc5! 41.gxh5 Bxh5 A strong pair of Bishops. **42.Kg2 Qe8** -0.55/23
[42...Qe1-+ -1.77/25 Hoping for ... Qb1. 43.Qe4 Qxe4 *(43...Qd2+ 44.Qe2∓)* 44.fxe4 Bd1]
43.Qf5∓ Qg6+ 44.Qxg6 Bxg6
Endgame KBB-KBN **45.Nc6**



a4! 46.bxa4 Be8 47.Nd4 Bxa4 48.f4 -1.12/27
[48.Kf1!∓ -0.52/25]
48...Bd1∓ 49.Kf2? -4.99/27
[49.Kg3∓ -1.10/26 is tougher.]
49...Bb3-+ Black is clearly winning.
50.Kf3 Bxc4 51.f5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
51...Bd5+
0-1

47 **C27**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
■ **Ohanyan,Emin** **2385**
Titled Tue 28th Feb Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6

7.Nxe5 g6 8.Qe2 0-0 White should prevent ...Nxe5.
[8...Nd4 9.Qd3 Nxb3 10.axb3 Nf5 11.0-0 d6 12.Nf3 c6 13.b4 0-0 14.b5 d5 15.b3 d4 16.Ne4 c5 17.Re1 Be6 18.c4 h6 19.Qb1 Qb6 20.d3 a6 21.bxa6 Rxa6 22.Rxa6 Qxa6 23.h3 1-0 (53) Loheac Amoun, F (2570)-Bergsson,S (2440) Grohote 149/(38) 2021 (4)]
9.0-0 Re8N Black is slightly better.
[9...Bf6 10.Nf3 *(10.Nxc6 dxc6 11.d3 Re8 12.Qf3 a5 13.a4 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6* Chapter-Games Chapter 2 Game 1*)* 10...Re8 11.Qd1 Na5 12.d3 Nxb3 13.axb3 b6 14.Bf4 Nf5 15.Nd5 d6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.c3 Bb7 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.Re1 Qd7 20.b4 a6 21.Bd2 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Re8 23.Bf4 Qe6 24.Qd2 ½-½ (28) Yablonovsky-Limonikov Espana 146/137 2020 f6 25.Nc2 Qd5 26.Ne3 Qc6 27.f3 Nxe3 28.Bxe3 Qd5 ½-½ Nielsen,J-Nyman,S Wch5 Final 6568 1965]
10.Nd5 -0.56/19
[10.Nf3= 0.01/22]
10...Bf6 0.44/25
[Better is 10...Bh4∓ -0.56/19 11.Nxc6 dxc6]
11.Nxf7±
[11.Nxf6+ with more complications. Qxf6 12.Ng4 Qg7 13.Qd1]

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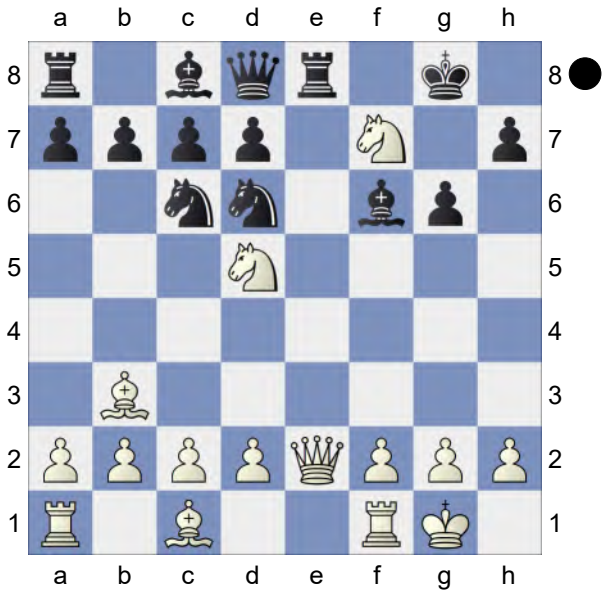
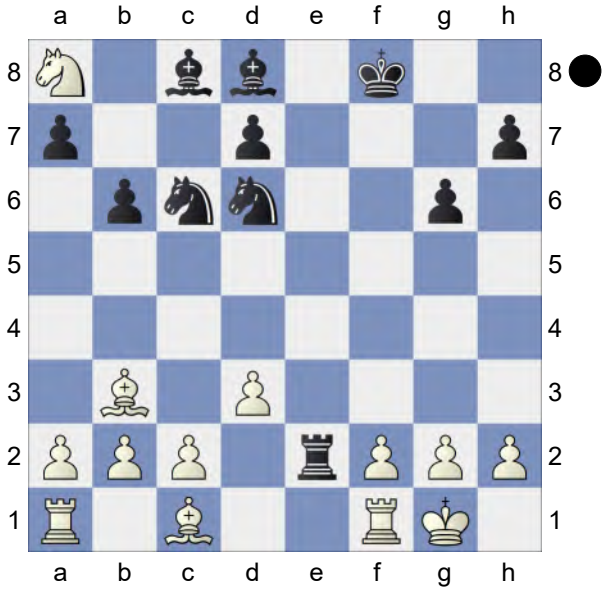


Decoy **11...Rxe2** 1.97/21
[11...Kxf7± 0.45/25 12.Nxc7+ Kf8 13.Nxe8 Nxe8]
12.Nxd8+- Bxd8 2.50/23
[12...Kg7 1.93/23 might work better.]
13.Nxc7+ Discovered Attack (Check)
13...Kf8 14.Nxa8 b6 15.d3

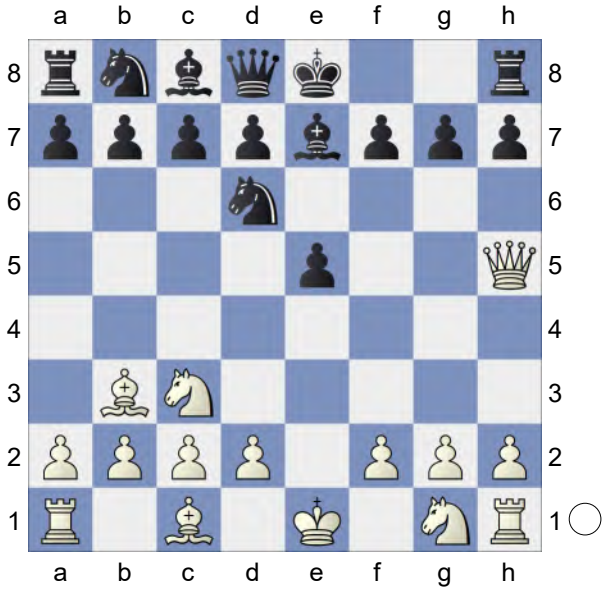


Strongly threatening Bh6+. **15...Bb7?** 6.48/25
[15...Nf5 3.56/23 16.Bf4 g5]
16.Bh6+ White is clearly winning.
16...Ke8 17.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1+ Ne7 19.Bf4 Ndc8 20.Nc7+ Bxc7

21.Bxc7 d6 22.Be6 Kf8 Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.77
23.Bd8
1-0

48 **C27**
□ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian 2620**
■ **Holm,Kristian Stuvik 2450**
14th Paleochora Open 2021 (4.1) 25.7.21
[Kapnisis,Spyridon, TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 Postny, Evgeny **1...e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3!?**
[5.Qxe5+ Qe7 6.Qxe7+ Bxe7= is rather harmless]
5...Be7!
[5...Nc6 0.63/25 5...Be7 -0.12 Black can choose to defend his extra pawn but white gets a dangerous initiative. Usually the game becomes quite wild after 6.Nb5! g6 7.Qf3 f5 *(7...Nf5?! 8.g4±)* 8.Qd5! Qe7 9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 b6! Prevents d4.
A) 11.d3 Bb7 *(11...Nd4!? 0.96/25 11...Bb7 0.21)* 12.h4 f4!⩱ 1-0 (24) Hauge,L (2504)-Dev,S (2242) Stockholm SWE 2019;
B) 11.Nxb6! axb6 12.Ne2! Bb7! Black has good practical compensation because of his better developed pieces.;
C) 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Nxb6 0.01/26 *(12.d3!± 0.40/22)*
C1) 12...axb6 13.c3 Inhibits Nd4. *(13.Qh3!?)* 13...Na5 *(13...g5?!± 1.25/24* 13...Na5 -0.13 1-0 (47) Gavrilescu,D (2476)-Harshavardhan,G (2397) chess.com INT 2021*)* 14.Qh3 g5⩱;
C2) 12...Nd4 13.Qh3 axb6⩱ 1-0 (65) Zhao Jun (2552)-Schneider,D (2502) Richardson USA 2007]



6.f4!? -0.41/23 Postny, Evgeny: '?!' I will dare say that this is part of white's preparation. A rare move (I found only two games with this move in my database!) which makes the position a lot sharper than the almost automatic 6. Qxe5. White decides to sacrifice another pawn in order to open lines and take advantage of black's difficulty to develop properly. Objectively black should be fine but defending like stockfish in positions like this is far from easy. I will dare say that this is part of white's preparation. A rare move (I found only two games with this move in my database!) which makes the position a lot sharper than the almost automatic 6.Qxe5. White decides to sacrifice another pawn in order to open lines and take advantage of black's difficulty to develop properly. Objectively black

should be fine but defending like stockfish in positions like this is far from easy. Postny, Evgeny: 'Delayed King's Gambit?! An engine does not approve this idea, but it definitely confused the second player.'

[6.Qxe5 0-0

A) 7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4!

A1) 8...Bf6 0.30/24 8...Na5 -0.18 9.Be3 g6?! 1.04/26 *(9...Ne7=* 0.17/24 keeps the balance. *)* 10.Nf3± Bg7 11.h4± 1-0 (27) Hauge,L (2463)-Tisdall,J (2423) Norway NOR 2020;

A2) 8...Na5 9.Nf3 *(9.Bd5* -0.33/24 9.Nf3 0.06 *Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4∞* 0-1 (30) Firouzja,A (2759)-Aronian,L (2781) chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 9...Nxb3 10.axb3 b5!? 11.0-0 Bb7∞ 0-1 (57) Mikalsen,E (2387)-Elsness,F (2459) Oslo NOR 2021;

B) 7.Nge2 Ne8 *(7...Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5∞)* 8.0-0 -0.57/24 *(8.d4!? c6* Wards off Nd5 *9.d5∞; 8.d4=* 0.08/25 *)* 8...c6∓ 9.d4 d5∓ 1/2 (46) Safarli,E (2598)-Mamedov,N (2609) Nakhchivan AZE 2021;

C) 7.Nf3 Nc6 *(7...c6* 0.37/26 7...Nc6 0.01 *8.d4 Ne8 9.d5! d6 10.Qf4±* 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2715)-Motylev,A (2641) Sochi RUS 2021*)* 8.Qf4 Na5∞]

[6.Qxe5= 0.01/26 0-0 7.Nf3]

6...g6∓

[6...exf4 -0.07/26 6...g6 -0.44 7.d4

A) 7...Nc6 Postny, Evgeny 8.Nf3 g6 9.Qh6 Na5 10.0-0 -0.42/21 *(10.Nd5!=* 0.00/26 is more appropriate.*)* 10...Nf5!∓ 11.Qxf4 Nxb3 12.axb3 0-0∓ 0.41/25 *(12...d5∓* -0.45/26 *)*;

B) 7...0-0 8.Nf3!? *(8.Bxf4 Ne8!* Regrouping the knight to f6 is necessary for black. White still needs to prove his compensation.*)* 8...Ne8 9.Ne5! g6 10.Qf3 Nc6 11.Qxf4 Nxe5 12.dxe5⩲]

[6...e4 7.d3 -0.33/22 *(7.Nxe4=* 0.25/21 *g6 8.Nxd6+ Bxd6 9.Qe2+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Nf3)* 7...exd3 0.22/22 *(7...g6∓* -0.33/22 *8.Qd5 exd3)* 8.Nf3= Nc6 0.49/24 *(8...g6=* -0.22/24 *9.Qd5 dxc2)* 9.0-0 -0.37/23 *(9.f5!±* 0.49/24 *)* 9...0-0? 1.55/23 *(9...g6∓* -0.37/23 *10.Qh3 Ne4)* 10.f5!→ 1-0 (14) Pinero Fernandez,X-Garcia Gil,J Barcelona 1997 1-0 (14) Pinero Fernandez,X-Garcia Gil,J Barcelona 1997 Postny, Evgeny: '↑!']

7.Qe2 Postny, Evgeny: 'New position already on move seven, a remarkable thing in itself.' **7...e4** Black avoids taking the pawn on f4 and chooses, correctly in my opinion, to give back his extra pawn in order to get rid of the clumsy Nd6.

[7...exf4 0.28/21 7...e4 -0.56 Postny, Evgeny 8.d4! Nc6 0.46/25 *(8...0-0=* 0.10/23 *9.Qf2 b5)* 9.Bxf4 0-0 10.Nf3 Bh4+ 11.Nxh4! Re8 12.Be3! Qxh4+ 13.g3 Qd8! 14.0-0!⩲]

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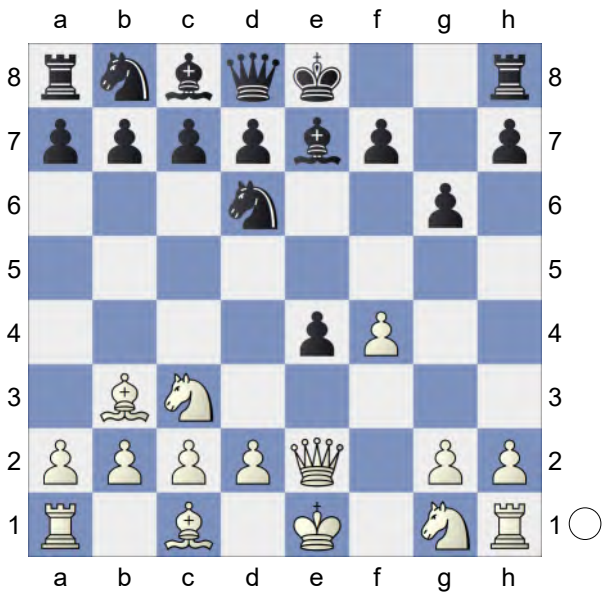

8.d3! Black is slightly better.White is probably still in his preparation and denies taking on e4.

[8.Nxe4?! Nxe4 9.Qxe4 0-0∓ Postny, Evgeny: 'is fine for Black. The white queen is vulnerable in the centre.']

8...exd3 More or less forced since the other options give white a strong attack

[8...0-0? 0.74/24 8...exd3 -0.54 9.dxe4±]

[8...e3? 9.Bxe3± White is way ahead in development and will soon get a strong attack against the black king.]

9.Qxd3 0-0 -0.31/24

[9...Na6!? 10.Be3 Postny, Evgeny Nf5! 11.Bf2 *(11.0-0-0 c6!∓)* 11...c6 -0.19/23 *(11...h5∓* -0.88/23 *)* 12.g4= Ng7! 13.0-0-0 d5∓ This is the setup that Black should strive for.]

[9...Na6∓ -0.96/23 10.Be3 Nf5]

10.h4! White is merciless! White focuses on mating the black king and denies following traditional development of his pieces.

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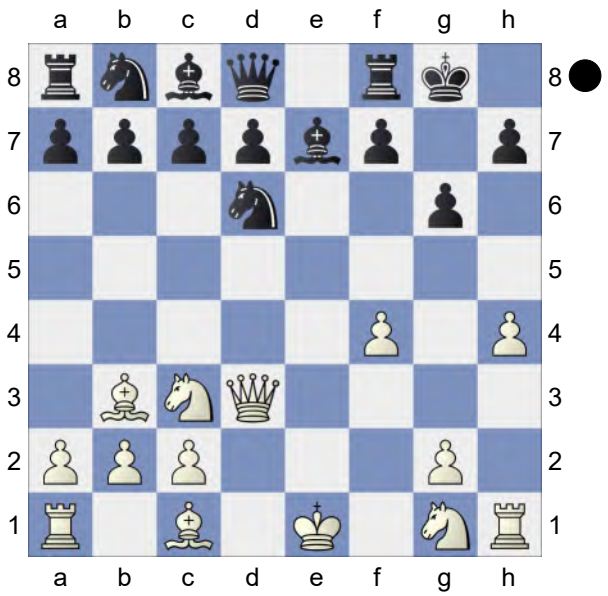


10...c5N 0.76/23 Black fails to react in a proper way and soon ends up in a clearly inferior position.

[10...Nf5 11.h5 Bh4+ 12.Kd1 Ng3

A) 13.Rh3 Nxh5 14.Nf3 Bf6 15.Rxh5 gxh5 16.Ne4!

A1) 16...h6? 0.92/27 16...d5 -0.83 17.Neg5! hxg5 18.Qg6+! Kh8 19.Qxh5+ Kg8 *(19...Kg7? #22/33* 19...Kg8 0.96 *20.fxg5+-)* 20.Nxg5 Bxg5 21.fxg5 White threatens g6 and mate. d5 22.g6 Bg4+! 23.Qxg4 Qd6 24.gxf7+! Kxf7 25.Bf4→ White's attack remains quite powerful;

A2) 16...d5! 17.Neg5! Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Bg4+! 19.Ke1! Re8+ 20.Kf2! Kf8! 21.Bd2⩲ is better for black according to stockfish but highly difficult to play over the board.;

B) 13.Rxh4!? Qxh4 14.hxg6 d5!? 0.01/22 *(14...hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Bxf7 d5* Inhibits b3. *17.Be3! Nc6* Inhibits Bd4+. *18.Nf3!* will likely end in a draw by perpetual.*;* *14...hxg6!∓* -0.35/24

15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Bxf7 d6) 15.gxf7+= Kxf7 16.Bxd5+ Kg7∞]

[Postny, Evgeny: 'Again' 10...Na6! Developing the knight on a6 with the idea of exchanging the dangerous Bb3 was probably black's best chance to deal with white's attack. Developing the knight on a6 with the idea of exchanging the dangerous Bb3 was probably black's best chance to deal with white's attack. Postny, Evgeny: 'was the way.' 11.h5! Nc5

A) 12.Qf3 -1.12/22 12.Qh3 -0.53 Nf5 13.hxg6 -1.26/22 *(13.Nge2∓ -0.67/21)* 13...Bh4+!∓ 14.Kd1 hxg6 -0.50/24 *(14...d5!; 14...d5!∓ -1.42/21 15.gxh7+ Kh8)* 15.g4∓ d5! 16.gxf5 Bxf5∓;

B) 12.Qh3! Against Bh4+ 12...g5! 13.fxg5

B1) 13...Nxb3?! 0.56/21 13...Nde4 -0.60 14.axb3 Bxg5 0.87/24 *(14...b5± 0.49/21)* 15.Bxg5 0.28/21 *(15.Nf3± 0.87/24 Bxc1 16.Rxc1)* 15...Qxg5= 16.Nf3! Re8+ 17.Kd1! Qh6! 18.Qg4+! Kh8! 19.Qd4+ f6! 20.Nd5⩲;

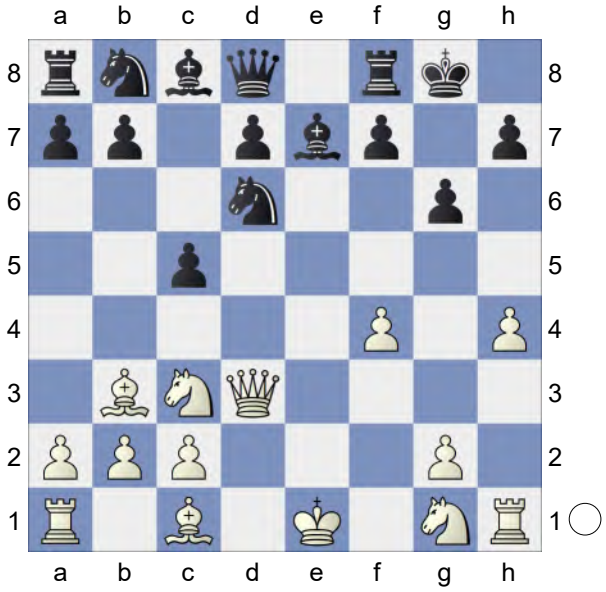
B2) 13...Nde4! 14.Nxe4 d5! 15.Qf3 Nxe4∓ Back has managed to block Bb3 and get a strong knight to e4, enough reasons to be optimistic about his chances.]

[10...Re8?! 0.76/24 10...Na6 -0.62 11.h5 *(11.Bd2!? Bxh4+ 12.Kd1 Bf6 13.g4 Bg7! 14.f5* looks good for white *)* 11...Bh4+ 12.Kd2! gxh5 13.Nge2→ *(13.Nf3!? Bf6□ 14.Kd1 Bxc3 15.Ng5±)*]

[10...Nc6? 11.h5 Nf5! 12.hxg6 0.45/23 *(12.Nd5±* 0.96/23) 12...hxg6? 2.02/24 *(12...d5±* 0.45/23) 13.Nge2!+- d5 14.Bd2!→]

[10...Bxh4+ 11.Kd1=]

[10...Na6!∓ -0.52/25 keeps the upper hand. 11.h5 Nc5]



11.Bd5!± White correctly postpones h5 in order to save his light-squared bishop from a possible exchange after c4.

[11.h5 -0.06/20 11.Bd5 0.81 Postny, Evgeny c4! 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.hxg6! fxg6 0.23/22 *(Black should try 13...d5!∓* -0.33/23 *14.g7 Bh4+ 15.Kf1 Re8)* 14.Qxc4+= d5! 15.Qxd5+ Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Bd6 17.Be3±]

11...Nc6! 12.h5 Nb4 Deflection **13.Qh3** Postny, Evgeny: '!' **13...g5** Forced in order to keep the h file closed. Black finds the way to survive for the moment but his king will not be safe anytime soon. **14.fxg5**

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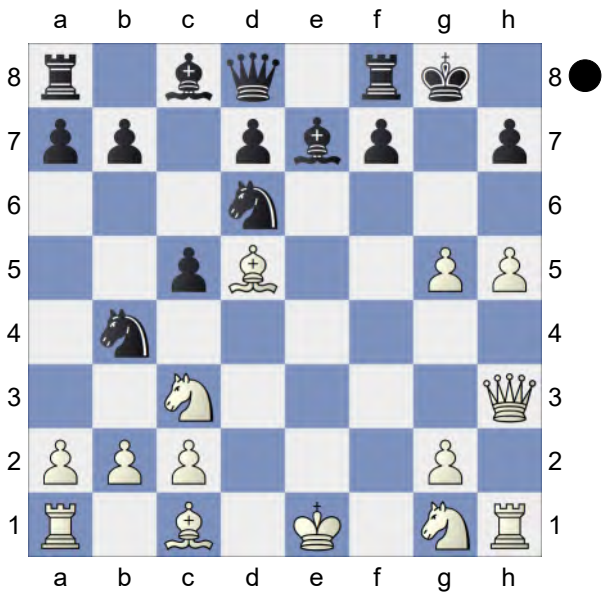
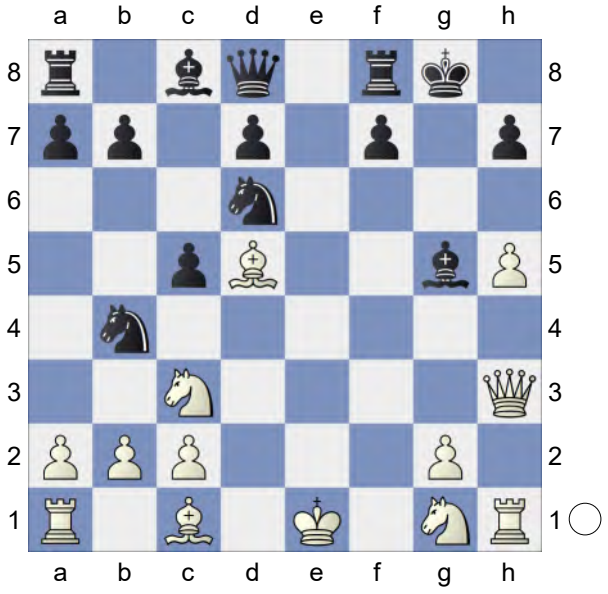


Nxd5 Postny, Evgeny: '?'Eliminating Bd5 is good news for black but the knight which replaces him is very strong as well and very difficult to kick out.

[14...Bxg5 2.07/25 14...Nxd5 0.90



15.Qg3! Qe7+ *(15...Nxc2+* 2.07/24 15...Qe7+ 1.34 *16.Kd1 Nf5 17.Qxg5+ Qxg5 18.Bxg5 Nxa1 19.Nge2+-)*

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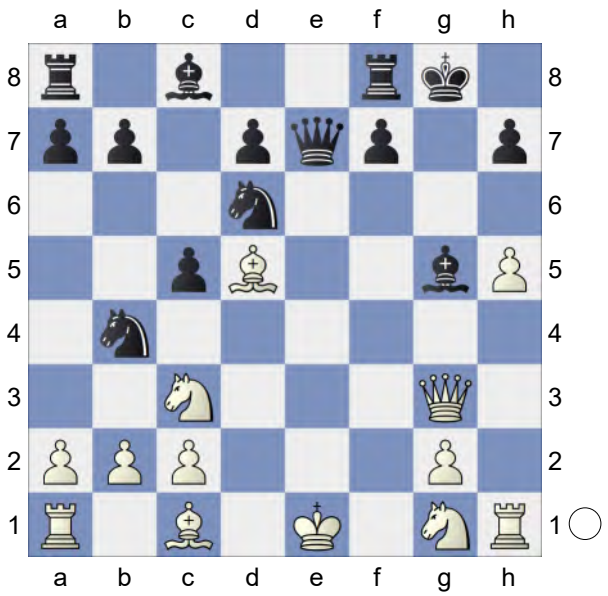

16.Kf2! *(16.Kf1?* -0.07/24 16.Kf2 1.92 *Nf5 17.Qxg5+ Qxg5 18.Bxg5 Ng3+ 19.Kf2! Nxh1+ 20.Kf3 Nxc2 21.Rf1! Nd4+ 22.Kf4! Ne6+ 23.Kg4 d6 24.Bh4∞* Repels Ng3*)* 16...h6 and ...Nxd5! should not be overlooked 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.Re1 Qf6+ 19.Nf3+-]

[14...Nxc2+? 15.Kd1 Nxa1? 3.62/22 *(15...Nb4* 1.87/19 *)* 16.g6+- Postny, Evgeny: 'with a powerful attack.' Bf6 17.Qg4 Kh8? 5.93/20 *(17...Bg7* 3.44/17 *18.Bg5 Nc4 19.gxf7+ Kh8)* 18.Nf3+- White gets a devastating attack]

[14...Ne8!? Regrouping Nd6 to a more suitable square looks to me like the most sensible choice but black's position is already beyond repair. 15.g6! Nf6 Postny, Evgeny: 'was the only way according to an engine, but it is clear that Black's position is very dangerous.' 16.Bh6 Nbxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qg3! 1.20/22 *(Better is 18.gxh7++-* 2.40/24 *Kh8 19.Qg3)* 18...hxg6 2.58/25 *(18...Bf6±* 1.20/22 *)* 19.0-0-0!+- Qc7 20.Qf3 Nf6 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.hxg6+-]

[14...Nb5 15.g6 d6? 3.58/22 *(15...Nd4 1.99/19)* 16.Bxf7++- Kh8 17.Qg3! Rxf7 18.gxf7+-]
[14...Nxc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1 16.g6=]

15.Nxd5 Bxg5 16.Nf3 1.45/23 Active counter play!

[16.Ne2 Re8? 5.11/22 *(16...Bxc1* 2.14/21 might work better. *17.Rxc1 Qg5)* 17.0-0!+- Hoping for Bxg5. Rxe2 7.22/25 *(⌓17...Ne4* 4.58/21 *18.Qd3 c4)* 18.Qg4+-]
[16.Ne2+- 2.57/24]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

16...Bxc1? 4.84/23

[16...Re8+± 1.45/23 is a better chance. 17.Kd1 h6]

17.Rxc1+-

[Not 17.Qg3+ Kh8 18.Rxc1 *(18.Qxd6 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Re8+ 20.Kf1 Re6+-)* 18...Re8+ 19.Kf1 Ne4±]

17...Re8+ 18.Kf1 Black's lack of development is the decisive factor which gives white a clearly winning position. Black's lack of development is the decisive factor which gives white a clearly winning position. Postny, Evgeny: 'White got an overwhelming attack.' **18...Kh8**

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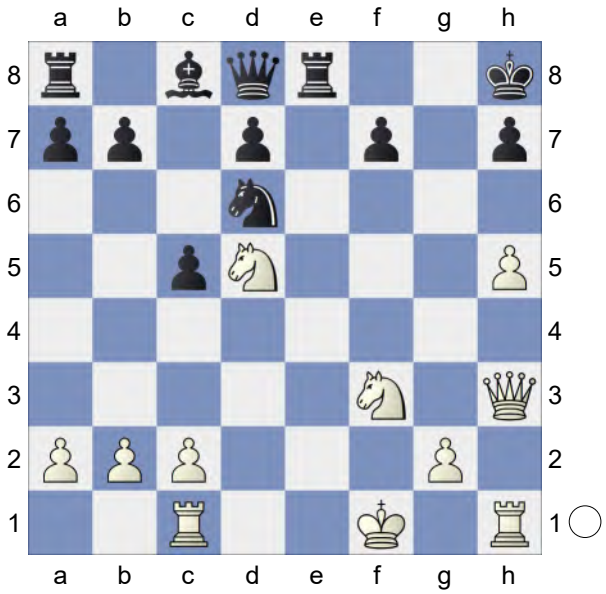

19.h6! Re4 Wards off Qg4 **20.Re1!** Although white has a lot of good choices, the exchange of the active black rook will soon result in total collapse of black's defense **20...Qg8**

[20...Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1+-]

21.Qh2!? White's queen correctly tries to take advantage of the weak dark squares.

[21.Rxe4!? Nxe4 22.Qh4+-]

21...Qg6 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe7! b6

[24...Ng3+ 25.Kg1+-]

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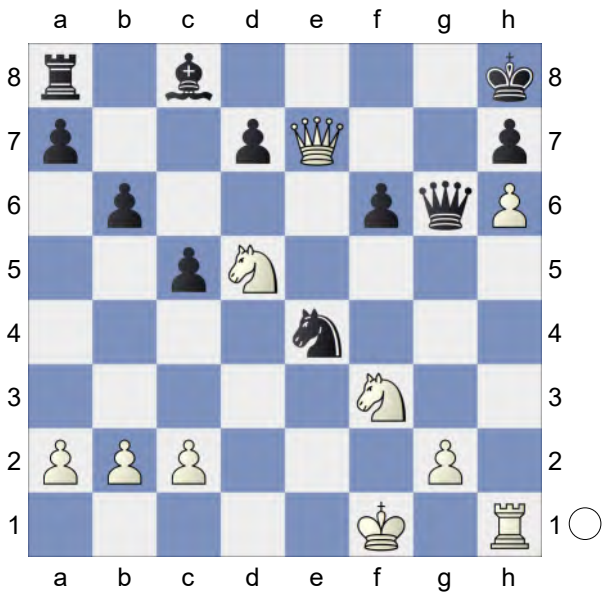
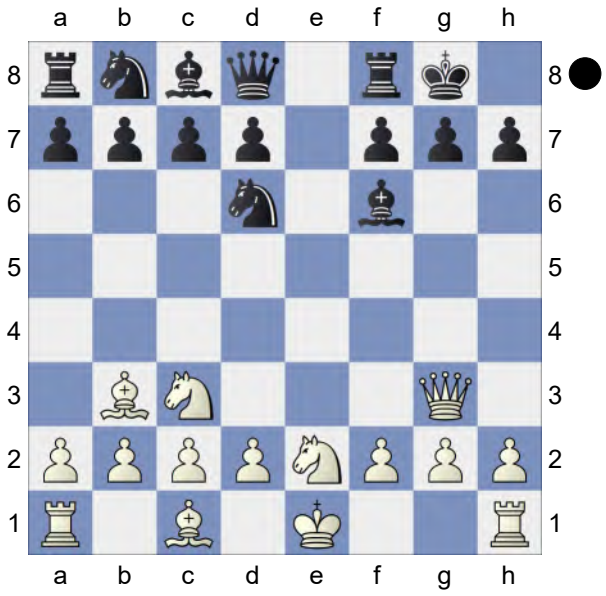


25.Nf4! A dynamic duo of knights. Black's overloaded queen is forced to move from g6 resulting in immediate material losses. **25...Ba6+ 26.Kg1 Qe8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.85
27.Qg7#
1-0

49 **C27**
□ **Pranesh,M** **2586**
■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
Titled Tue 14. Jan Early (1) 14.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2 Bf6N 0.22/20
[⌓7...Nc6 -0.15/20
A) 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.0-0 *(10.Nd5 d6 11.Qc3 Be6 12.d4 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Ncxd4 14.Nxd4 Bf6 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Qd2 c6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bd3 Re8 19.c3 Ne6 20.f4 Nc5 21.f5 Bg5 22.Qc2 Bxc1 23.fxg6 Be3+ 24.Kh1 fxg6* 0-1 (34) 3.Nc3 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B (2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4) *25.Bxg6 Re7 26.Rae1 Qd6 27.Bf7+ Kh8 28.b4 Nd7 29.Qd3 Bh6 30.Qh3 Rf8 31.Bh5 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Qe5 33.Rg1 Nf6 34.Bf3 Bg7* 0-1 3.♘c3 27460 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B (2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4)*)* 10...Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 0-1 (30) Costantini,M (1816)-Mauro, L (2090) OS022 corr 1996 23.Ne4 b5 24.c3 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Bf8 26.Rfe1 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Qf5 28.Re1 Ra7 29.Re8 Kg7 30.Bh6+ 1-0 Dr C Scholtens (2476)-Torre Attack,C (2211) 83/160 Leon 2001 (11);
B) 8.Qd5 b6]
8.Qg3 -0.53/20
[8.Qf4= 0.22/20]

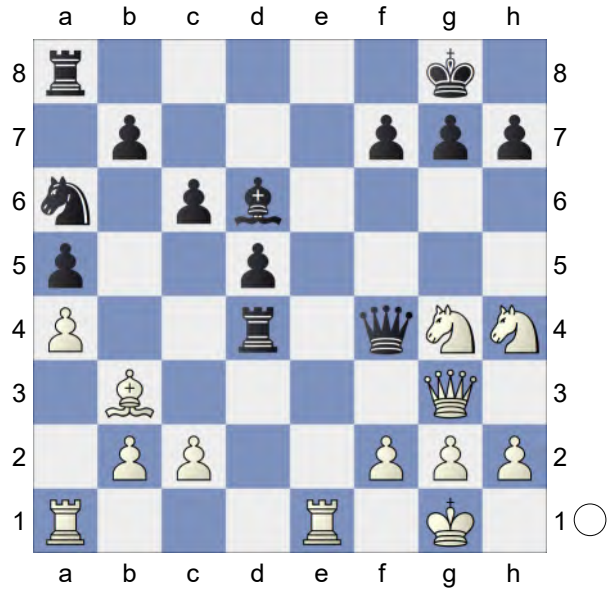


Loses the game. **8...c6?** 3.03/21
9.Qxd6+- **Re8** **10.d4** Dodges Be5

10...a5 11.a4 Na6 12.0-0 Nb4 13.Ng3 Be7 14.Qf4 d5 15.Be3 Bd6 16.Qf3 Be6 17.Nf5 Bf8 18.Na2 Na6 19.Nc1 Qd7 20.Nh4 Bg4 21.Qg3 Re4 22.Nd3 Bd6 23.Ne5 Qe6 24.Bf4 Rxd4 25.Rfe1 Qf6 5.10/22

[25...Nc5 3.61/20 might work better. 26.h3 *(26.Qxg4 Qxg4 27.Nxg4 Rxf4±; 26.Nxg4 Bxf4 27.Qh3 Qxg4±)* 26...Qf6]

26.Nxg4 Qxf4



27.Nf5 Double Attack **27...Qxg4 28.Qxg4 Rxg4 29.Nxd6** White is clearly winning. **29...Nc5 30.Re7 b5** 8.61/22

[⩲30...h5 5.10/20 31.Rae1 *(31.Nxb7 Nxb3 32.cxb3 h4+-)* 31...h4]

31.axb5 a4 32.bxc6 Rg6 33.Nb7 Nxb3 34.cxb3 Rxc6 35.bxa4 Rb6 36.g3 Rxb2 37.Nd6 Rf8 38.a5 h6 39.a6 Rb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.84

40.a7

1-0

50 **C27**

□ **Espinosa Aranda,Angel** **2506**

■ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2489**

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[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

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[7...Nc6= -0.04/21 8.Qf4 Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]

8.Qf4!± Re8+N White has an edge.

[8...Ne8 9.d4 c6 10.d5 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Rd1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qf6 14.Qc4 Nxb3 15.axb3 Nc7 16.Bg5

Qg6 17.d6 Nd5 18.Qd4 b6 19.Qd2 Nf6 20.Ne5 Qf5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Re1 Qf5 23.Ra4 1-0 (30) Cornette, M (2527)-Olsen,F (2468) Wood Green Inv 2025 (2.4)]

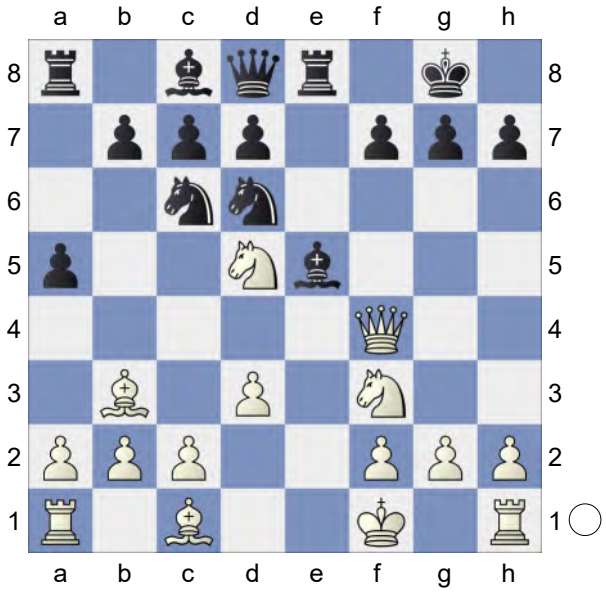
9.Kf1 Active counter play! **9...a5** and ...a4! should not be overlooked

10.d3 Nc6 0.73/22

[10...b5= -0.01/21]

11.Nd5 Be5 1.38/22

[⌓11...a4 0.72/22 12.Bxa4 Re6]



12.Qg4!± Kh8 1.36/21

[Better is 12...Bf6 0.93/23]

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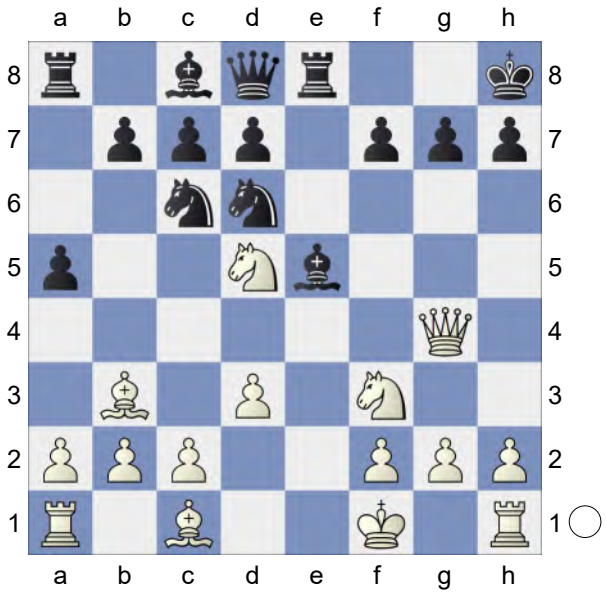

13.a4! Bf6 2.22/20

[13...Rb8± 0.96/20]

14.Ng5? 0.56/24

[14.h4+- 2.22/20]

14...Ne5 15.Qh5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 f6 17.Bh4

[17.Bf4!?]

17...Ng6 1.17/24

[17...b5= 0.22/21 keeps the balance.]

18.Bg3→ White goes for the king.

18...Ra6? 2.48/20

[18...b5± 0.79/21]

19.Re1+- Rxe1+ 20.Kxe1 Ne8? 3.97/27

[20...b5 2.37/22 is a better defense. 21.Kd2 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Bb7]

21.Kd1 c6? 8.34/26

[21...Re6 3.80/23 22.Ne3 b6]

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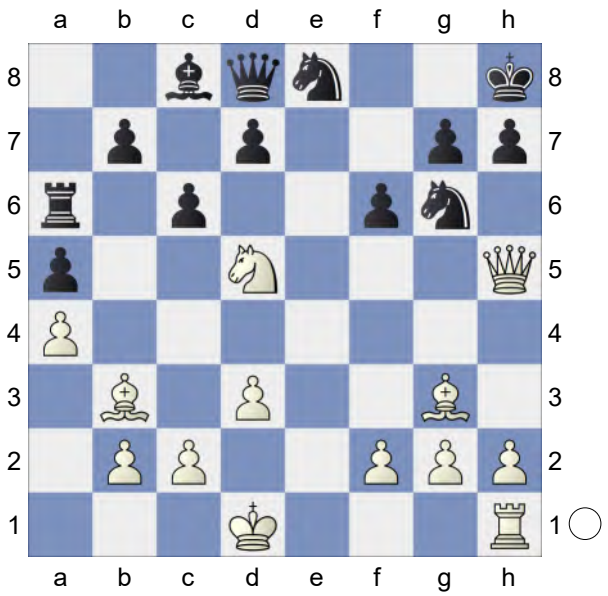
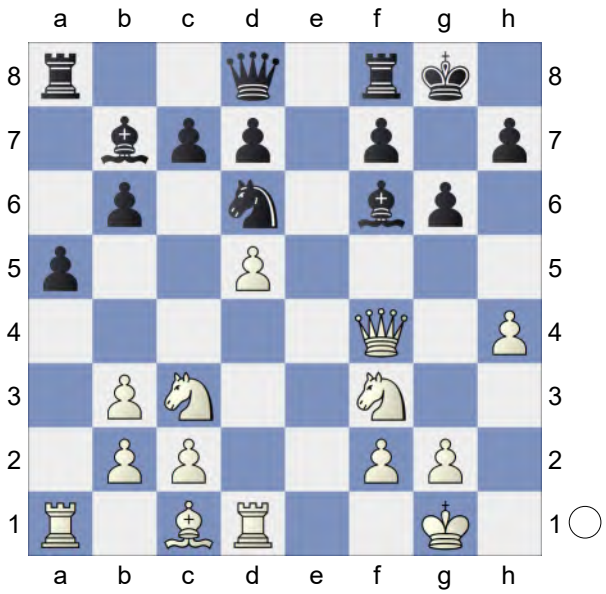


22.Re1! Black is weak on the dark squares **22...Ne5**
[22...cxd5 23.Qxd5]
23.Bxe5 cxd5 24.Bg3 Re6 25.Bxd5 Qf7 is the strong threat. **25...Rxe1+**
26.Kxe1 Threatening mate with Qf7.
26...Nc7 16.35/27
[⌓26...g6 5.13/23 27.Qf3 d6 28.Bxb7 Bd7]
27.Bxc7 Remove Defender, Deflection
27...Qxc7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=1.32
28.Qe8#
1-0

51 **C27**
□ **Cvak,Rudolf** **2549**
■ **Preussner,Michael** **2418**
corr RSX-4-Jahreszeiten Winter 2021-1
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.d4**
[11.Nd5 Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qd8 14.d4 Re8 15.Bd2 Re4 16.Rxe4 Nxe4 17.Re1 d5 18.Ne5 f6 19.Nd3 Qd7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bb4 Re8 22.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 cxd6 24.Kf2 a5 25.Qe3 Ba6 ½-½ (45) Piesik,P (2434)-Shirov,A (2652) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late blitz 2025 (4)]
11...Bb7 12.d5N
[12.Re1 Re8 13.d5 Bf6 14.Bd2 a5 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7.Nf3 with 8.Qf4 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
12...Bf6 13.Rd1 g6 0.66/22
[13...Re8= 0.15/21]
14.h4± White is much more active.
14...a5



15.h5! Re8 16.Bd2 b5 17.b4! a4 18.Re1 Bg7 1.13/22
[18...Bh8± 0.40/22]
19.h6± Bh8 20.Ne5! Re7 1.91/24
[20...Rc8± 0.96/21]

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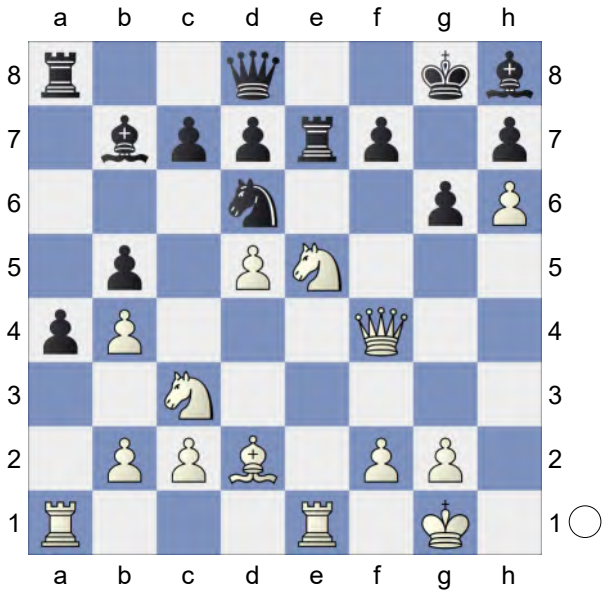
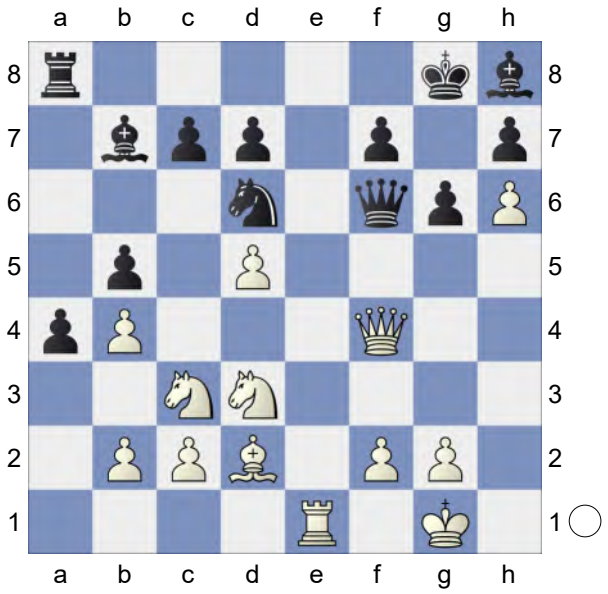


21.Nd3!+- Excellent horsemanship. This move loses the game for Black.
21...Rxe1+? 3.04/22
[21...Rc8± 1.37/22 22.Nc5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rb8]
22.Rxe1 Qf6



and ...Qxf4 would now be decisive
23.Qe3 Rf8 3.56/23
[⌓23...Qd4 2.37/21]
24.Qc5 Nc4 25.Bf4
[25.Qxc7 Nxd2 26.Qxb7 Qg5± *(26...a3 27.Nb1±)*]
[25.Qxb5 Ba6 26.Qc5 *(26.Qxd7 Nxd2 27.Qxa4 Bxd3∓; 26.Bg5 Qxc3 27.Qxa4 Nxb2-+)* 26...Nxd2∓]
25...Qf5? 4.70/26
[25...Nxb2 2.41/21 was worth a try. 26.Ne4 Qb6 *(26...Qf5? 27.Qxf8+ Kxf8 28.Nd6+-* Double Attack *)*]
26.Nxb5 Black is weak on the dark squares. White is clearly winning.
[26.Qxc7 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Qxd5=]
26...Qxd5 27.Qxd5
[27.Bxc7? Qxg2#]
27...Bxd5 28.Nxc7
[Worse is 28.Bxc7 Nxb2 29.Ne5 Re8=]
28...Be6 29.b3 Bc3 30.Rd1
[30.bxc4 Bxe1 31.Nxe1 Bxc4±]
30...Nb6 31.bxa4 Nxa4 32.b5 Rc8 33.Nxe6 fxe6 34.Rb1 and b6 should not be overlooked **34...Nb6 35.Be3** Prevents Bd4 **35...Rb8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.46
36.Rb3
1-0

52 **C27**
□ **Howell,David** **2675**
■ **Maycock Bates,David Henry** **2266**
Titled Tue 14th May Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d4N -0.91/21
[7.Nxe5= -0.22/21
A) 7...Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5* S-S Solution (2380)-9.♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5_70 (2415) Biel

1983) 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996;
B) 7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3 Slav Defence-4.e3 g6;
C) 7...g6 8.Qe2]

7...0-0? 1.19/23
[7...exd4?! 8.Nd5=]
[7...g6∓ -0.91/21 and life is bright. 8.Qh3 Nxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Nd5=)* 9.Nxe5 c6]

8.dxe5± g6 9.Qh3 White is clearly better. **9...Nf5 10.g4** 1.16/24
[White should play 10.Bh6+- 1.83/21]

10...Nfd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bh6↑ Black is under strong pressure. **12...Re8** 2.18/23
[12...d6± 1.02/23 was necessary.]

13.0-0-0+- Nxb3+ 14.axb3 d6 2.51/23
[⌓14...b5 1.90/20 15.Nxb5 d5]

15.f4 Rhe1 is the strong threat. **15...a5 16.Kb1 a4 17.bxa4**
[17.f5 Ra5±]

17...b5 18.axb5? 0.71/22
[18.Nxb5 Rxa4 19.Qc3 Bxg4+-]
[18.f5+- 3.93/19 has better winning chances.]

18...Be6? 6.11/21
[18...c6± 0.71/22]

19.f5 Bc4 20.b3 Ra3 21.Kb2
[21.bxc4 Qa8 22.Kb2 Qa5±]

21...d5 22.bxc4 d4

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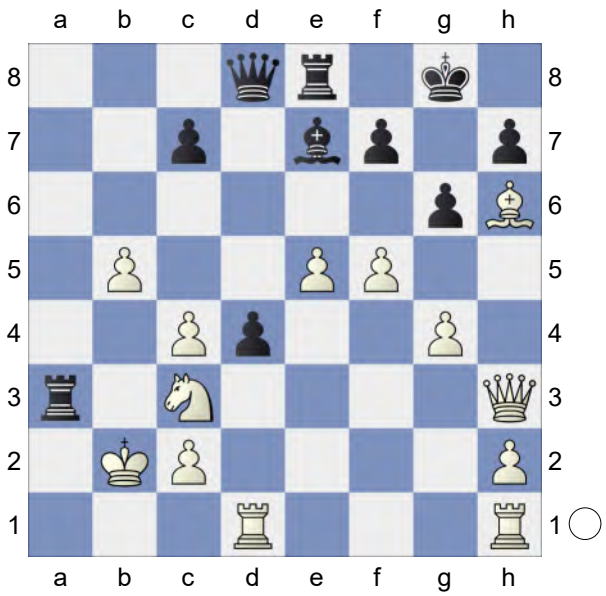
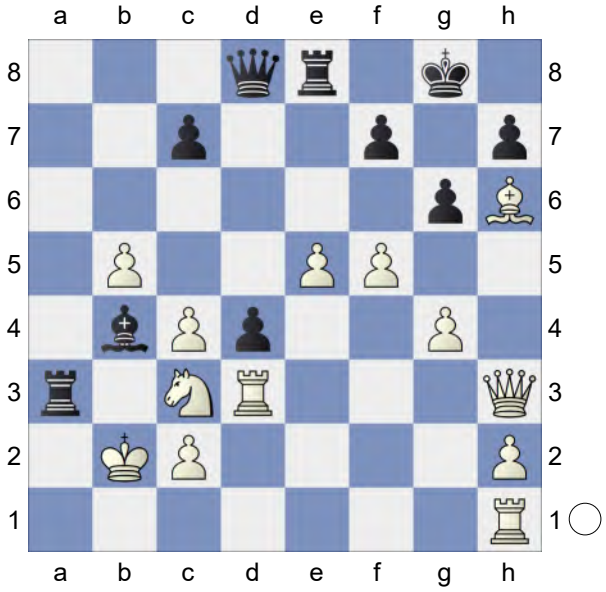


23.Rd3?? -2.40/23 **Bb4??** 11.76/21
[23...Qa8-+ -2.40/23 24.Nd5 Ra2+ 25.Kc1 Ra1+ 26.Kd2 Rxh1 27.Rxd4 Bd8]



24.Ra1?? -2.95/26 **Rxa1** 7.69/23
[24...Bxc3+-+ -2.95/26 25.Rxc3 *(25.Kxa3* is a self mate. *Qe7+ 26.c5 Qxc5+ 27.Kb3 Qxb5+ 28.Ka3 Ra8#)* 25...Rxc3]

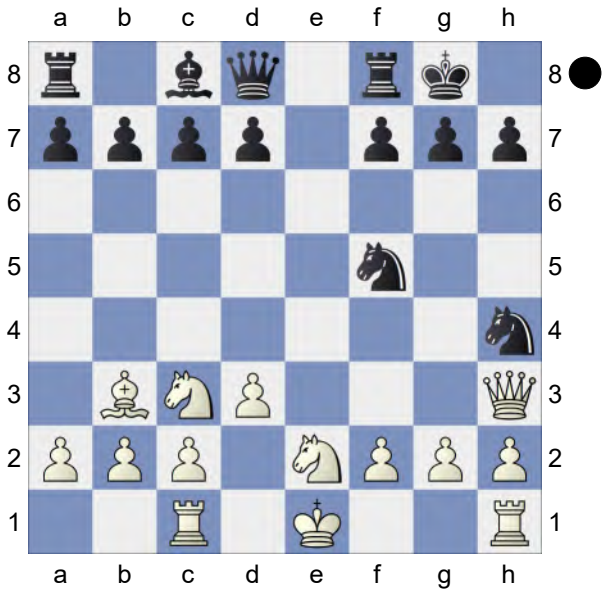
25.Kxa1? 0.01/24
[25.Nd5+- 7.69/23]

25...Qa8+= 26.Kb2?? -#19/32

[26.Na2+- 3.89/26]
26...Qa3+ 27.Kb1 Bxc3 28.Rxc3 dxc3 29.Bc1
Weighted Error Value: White=1.57/ Black=0.92
29...Qb4+
0-1

53 **C27**
□ **Skliarov,Viktor** **2340**
■ **Brunner,Nicolas** **2421**
Titled Tue 18. Feb Early (9) 18.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.Qf4
[8.Qh5 g6 9.Qf3 Nf5 10.Nd5 *(10.0-0 Ne5 11.Qe4 d6 12.d4 Nd7 13.Ng3 Nf6 14.Qd3 c6 15.d5 c5 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Ba4 Nxg3 18.fxg3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Nd7 20.h3 h5 21.Rae1 a6 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Ne4 b5 24.c3 Bxe4* 1-0 (30) Dr C Scholtens (2476)-Torre Attack,C (2211) 83/160 Leon 2001 (11) *)* 10...d6 11.Qc3 Be6 12.d4 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Ncxd4 14.Nxd4 Bf6 15.0-0 Nxd4 16.Qd2 c6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bd3 Re8 19.c3 Ne6 20.f4 Nc5 21.f5 Bg5 22.Qc2 Bxc1 0-1 (34) 3.♘c3_27460 (2511)-Najdorf - 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nde2,B (2576) (ol) 92/(62) 2004 (1.4)]
8...Bg5N Black has an edge.
[8...Na5 9.d3 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 35) 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 - 4.Qh5 M-7. Nge2 Lifetime Repertoires: Petroff Defense]
9.Qf3 Ne5 0.20/21
[⌓9...b5 -0.17/21]
10.Qg3 -0.41/21
[Better is 10.Qh5= 0.20/21]
10...Ng6 11.d3 -1.24/22
[11.0-0= -0.16/21 keeps the balance.]
11...Bxc1!∓ 12.Rxc1 Nf5 13.Qf3 Ngh4 14.Qh3 -2.39/20
[14.Qg4∓ -1.20/20 d6 15.Kd2]



14...d5 -1.24/20
[14...Re8!-+ -2.39/20 Strongly threatening ...d5!. 15.Kd1 *(15.0-0 d5)* 15...a6]
15.Bxd5 -1.70/23
[15.g4∓ -1.24/20 might work better. Nd6 16.Qg3]
15...Re8 -1.27/24
[15...c6-+ -1.70/23 16.Be4 Nd4]
16.Be4

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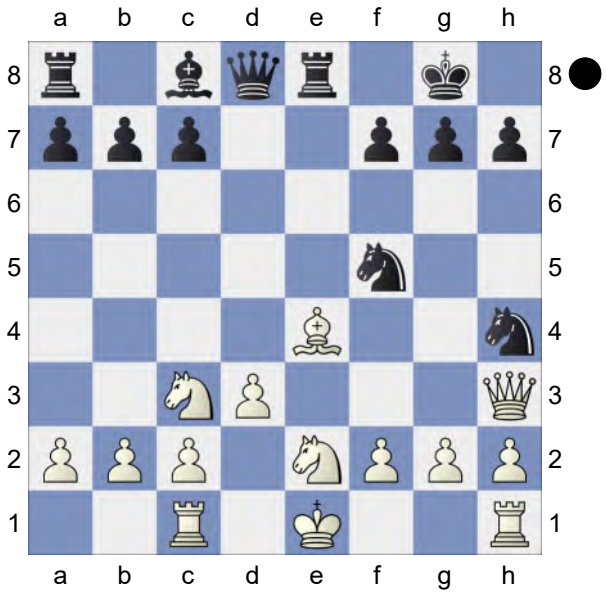
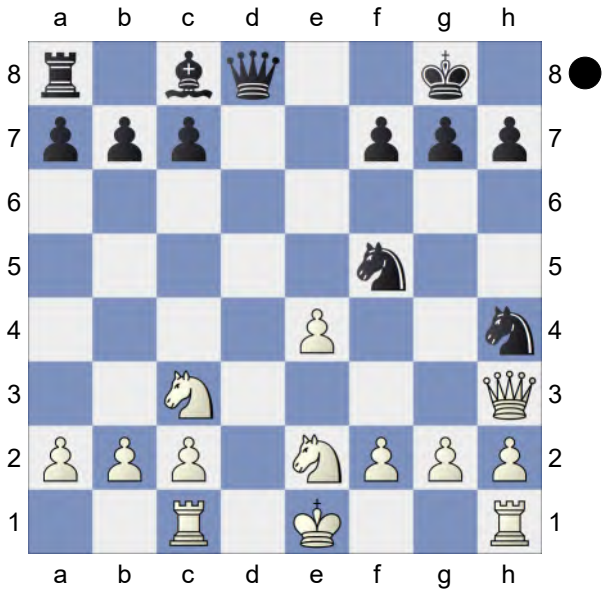


Rxe4? 1.00/23 Now White is beyond hope. **17.dxe4??** -6.19/21
[17.Nxe4± 1.00/23 Ne3 18.Qg3 *(18.Qxe3? loses. Nxg2+ 19.Kd2 Nxe3-+)*]



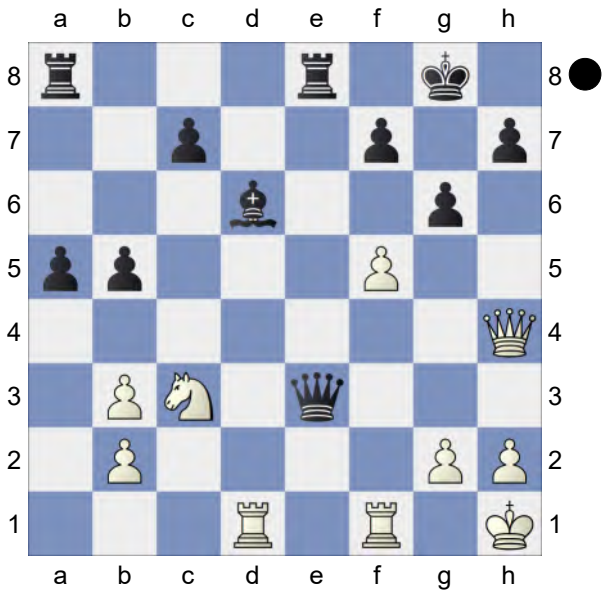
17...Ne3!-+ Decoy. Black is clearly winning. **18.Qxe3**
[18.fxe3 Bxh3]
18...Nxg2+ 19.Kf1 Nxe3+ 20.fxe3 Bh3+ 21.Kf2 Qh4+ 22.Ng3 Qf6+ 23.Ke1 Qf3 24.Nd1 Rd8 25.Rg1 Bg4 26.Nc3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.35
26...Qxe3+
0-1

54 **C27**
□ **Mista,Aleksander** **2579**
■ **Hera,Imre Jr** **2567**
POL-chT 1st League (1) 12.09.2009
[TA]

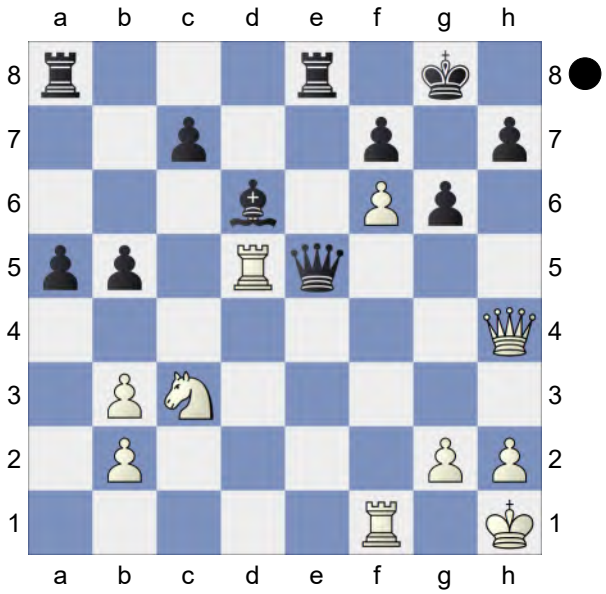
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6
[7...0-0 with more complications. 8.0-0 a5 9.d3 Nd4]
8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qf3 0-0 Black is slightly better. **10.d3 Nf5** Inhibits Bh6. **11.0-0 Nd4 12.Qg3N** -0.60/23
[12.Qd1= -0.15/21 is more appropriate.]
[12.Qf4 a5 13.Be3 Ne6 C 27/04 2000]
12...a5∓ 13.Re1 b5! 14.a4 -0.94/23
[14.Rxe7!∓ -0.43/22 Qxe7 15.Bg5]
14...Be6!∓ 15.Bh6 -2.01/23
[15.Bxe6∓ -0.87/20 fxe6 16.Re4 *(16.Bh6 Bh4∓)*]
15...Bd6!-+ 16.f4 Bxb3 17.cxb3 Nf5 18.Qh3 Nxh6 19.Qxh6 Qf6 -0.83/22
[19...Re8-+ -1.80/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
20.Rf1∓ Rfe8 -0.59/23
[20...Qd4+∓ -1.11/22 21.Kh1 bxa4 *(21...Qxd3 22.axb5 cxb5 23.f5=)*]
21.f5∓ Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxd3 23.axb5 cxb5 -0.41/25 Black is more active.
[23...gxf5 24.Qg5+ *(24.bxc6 f4+-)* 24...Kf8 25.Rxf5+- *(25.Qxf5 Qxf5 26.Rxf5 cxb5∓)*]
[Black should try 23...Re5!∓ -0.92/25

24.g4 cxb5]
24.Rad1 -0.93/23
[Better is 24.Rf3∓ -0.41/25 Qd4 25.Nxb5 Qxb2 26.Raf1]
24...Qe3∓ 25.Qh4 -1.86/26
[25.Qxe3∓ -0.96/25 is a better defense. Rxe3 26.Nxb5]
25...Qe7 -0.63/23
[25...Be7!-+ -1.86/26 26.Qg4 h5]
26.Qh3 -2.14/23
[26.Qxe7∓ -0.63/23 Rxe7 *(26...Bxe7 27.Nxb5 Bd8 28.Rd7=)* 27.Nxb5]
26...Qe3?→ 0.01/22 Black mounts an attack.
[26...c6-+ -2.14/23 Threatens to win with ...Rad8. 27.Qf3 Be5 *(27...Qe5 28.g3∓)*]
27.Qh4=



and Nd5 should not be overlooked
27...Qe7? -0.01/22
[27...Be7!-+ -2.20/24 28.Qg4 c6]
28.f6? -2.06/26
[28.Qh3!= -0.01/22 Qe3 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Qg4]
28...Qe5-+ 29.Rd5

(Diagram)



Inhibits c6. **29...Qe3 30.Rdd1?** -3.89/25
[30.Nxb5 -1.95/23 Re4 *(30...Qxb3? perishes. 31.Nxd6 Re6 32.Nf5+-* Back Rank *)* 31.Qh3]
30...Re5 31.Nd5 Qg5
[Weaker is 31...Qxb3 32.Ne7+ Bxe7 33.fxe7=]
32.Qxg5 Rxg5 33.Rfe1 Kf8 34.g3 Re8 Black is clearly winning. **35.Ne7 Re5 36.Rxe5 Bxe5** KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **37.Rd7 Bxf6 38.Nd5 Be5 39.Nxc7 Bxc7 40.Rxc7 Re1+ 41.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.32
41...Re2+
0-1

55 **C27**
□ **Spens,Walter Cook** **2579**
■ **Hudecek,J** **2567**
EU/MSM/IV final bd02 (1) 12.09.2009
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6

[7...0-0 feels hotter. 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Bh4]

8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qf3 0-0 Black has an edge. **10.d3 Nf5** Repels Bh6 **11.0-0 Nd4 12.Qg3N** -0.51/21

[12.Qf4= -0.15/23 is superior. a5 13.Be3 Ne6 C 27/04 2000]

12...a5∓ 13.Re1 b5 14.a4 Be6 15.Bh6 -1.99/24

[15.Bxe6∓ -0.54/21 fxe6 16.Re4 *(16.Bh6 Bh4∓)*]

15...Bd6!-+ 16.f4 Bxb3 17.cxb3 Nf5 18.Qh3 Nxh6 19.Qxh6 Qf6 -1.24/23

[19...Bb4-+ -1.87/20 20.Qh3 Qd4+ 21.Kh1 Bxc3 *(21...Qxf4 22.axb5 Bxc3 23.bxc3∓)* 22.bxc3 Qxc3 *(22...Qxf4 23.Qd7∓)*]

20.Rf1∓ Rfe8 21.f5 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxd3 -0.62/26

[22...bxa4!∓ -1.18/23 23.bxa4 Qxd3]

23.axb5 -1.33/24

[23.Rf3∓ -0.62/26 Qd4 24.axb5]

23...cxb5 -0.42/25 Black is more active.

[23...gxf5? 24.Qg5+ *(24.bxc6 Re6±)* 24...Kf8 25.Rxf5+- *(25.Qxf5 Qxf5 26.Rxf5 cxb5∓)*]

[23...Re5!∓ -1.33/24 24.g4 Rb8 *(24...cxb5 25.Rad1=)*]

24.Rad1 -0.94/22

[24.Rf3∓ -0.42/25 Qd4 25.Nxb5]

24...Qe3 25.Qh4 -2.41/24

[25.Qxe3∓ -0.82/25 Rxe3 26.fxg6 hxg6 27.Nxb5]

25...Qe7? -0.52/22

[25...Be7!-+ -2.41/24 26.Qg4 h5]

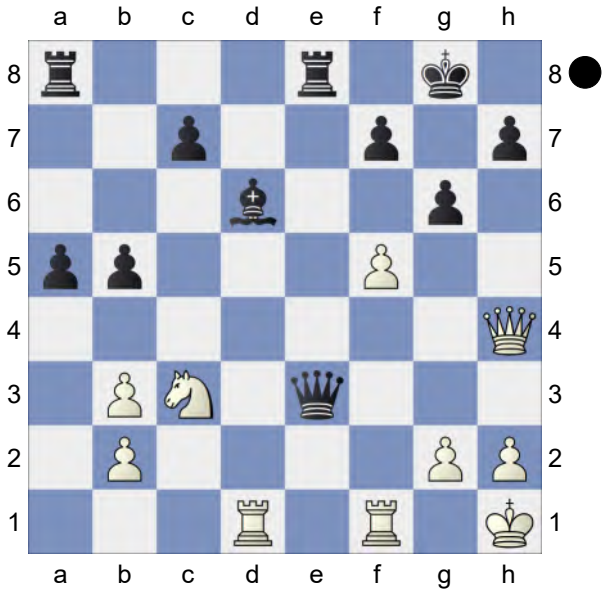
26.Qh3 -1.60/21

[26.Qxe7∓ -0.52/22 Rxe7 *(26...Bxe7 27.Nxb5 Bd8 28.Rd7∓)* 27.Nxb5]

26...Qe3?→ 0.01/23 Black mounts an attack.

[26...c6∓ -1.60/21 Strongly threatening ...Rad8. 27.Qf3 b4 *(27...Qe5 28.g3∓)* 28.fxg6 hxg6 *(28...bxc3? 29.Qxf7+ Qxf7 30.gxf7+ Kg7 31.fxe8N+ Rxe8 32.Rxd6+-; 28...fxg6 29.Qxc6 bxc3 30.Rxd6=)*]

27.Qh4=



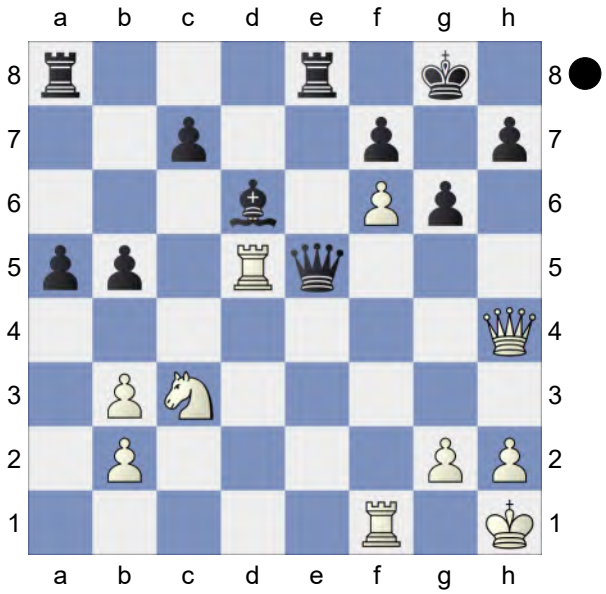
Threatens to win with Nd5. **27...Qe7?** 0.01/22

[Better is 27...Be7!-+ -2.34/26 28.Qg4 h5]

28.f6? -2.28/25

[28.Qh3!= 0.01/22 and White stays safe.]

28...Qe5-+ 29.Rd5



Wards off c6 **29...Qe3 30.Rdd1?**

-3.83/25
[30.Nxb5 -1.61/24 was the only chance. Re4 *(30...Qxb3?* is the wrong capture. *31.Nxd6 Re6 32.Nf5+-* Back Rank *)* 31.Qh3]
30...Re5 31.Nd5 Qg5
[31...Qxb3 32.Ne7+ Bxe7 33.fxe7±]
32.Qxg5 Rxg5 33.Rfe1 Kf8 34.g3 Re8 Wards off Re2. Black is clearly winning. **35.Ne7 Re5 36.Rxe5 Bxe5** KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **37.Rd7 Bxf6 38.Nd5 Be5 39.Nxc7 Bxc7 40.Rxc7 Re1+ 41.Kg2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.38
41...Re2+
0-1

56 **C27**
□ **Reprintsev,Alexander** **2218**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2648**
Titled Tue 28. Jan Early (9) 28.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]
7...Bf6N 0.41/20
[7...Nc6= -0.07/21 8.Qh5 *(8.Qf4 Na5 9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5 Re8 12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Ne3 Qe7 16.h4 Qe6 17.Qf4 Nf7 18.Nf5 Ne5 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 a6 21.Rae1 d6 22.Ne2 Nc6* 1-0 (51) Shirov,A (2736)-Radjabov,T (2656) Linares 21st 2004 (6) *23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Ng3 Rae8 26.Nf5 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qe6 29.Bc3 Bc8 30.g4 h5 31.Kf2 Bd7 32.b4 Be8 33.Bd4 Bg6 34.c4 c5 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Bc3 b5 37.b3 b4* (51) Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 6 *)* 8...g6]
[7...c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 1-0 (49) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2715)-Novik (2641) British CC Ch 9293 1992 Bxc3 23.Bxc3 a4 24.Nd2 Nc7 25.Qf4 Kh7 26.Qxd6 Nb5 27.Qg3 Rf7 28.R3a2 Nc7 29.d6 Nb5 30.Be5 Nd4 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qe5 Rc8 33.b3 Qf6 34.Qxf6 Rxf6 35.bxa4 Rxd6 36.Nf3 Bc6 37.a5 1-0 (49) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2715)-Novik (2641) British CC Ch 9293 1992]
8.Qf4!± Re8+ White has an edge. **9.Kd1 Nc6 10.Nd5 Ne4 11.Rf1 d6 12.d3 Nc5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qxf6 gxf6 15.Bh6 Ne5** 0.77/20
[15...Be6= 0.17/21]
16.Bd5 c6 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Bf3 Bf5 19.g4 Bg6

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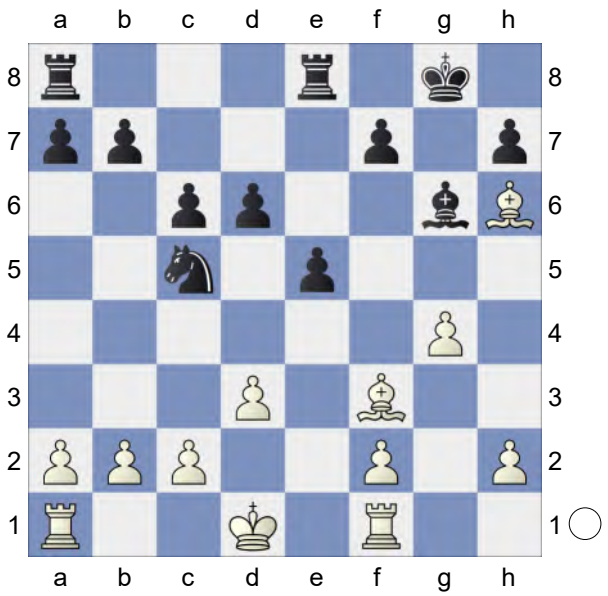
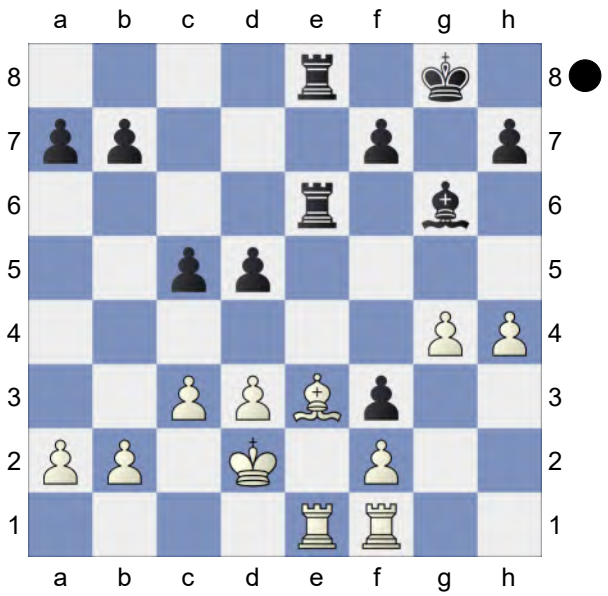
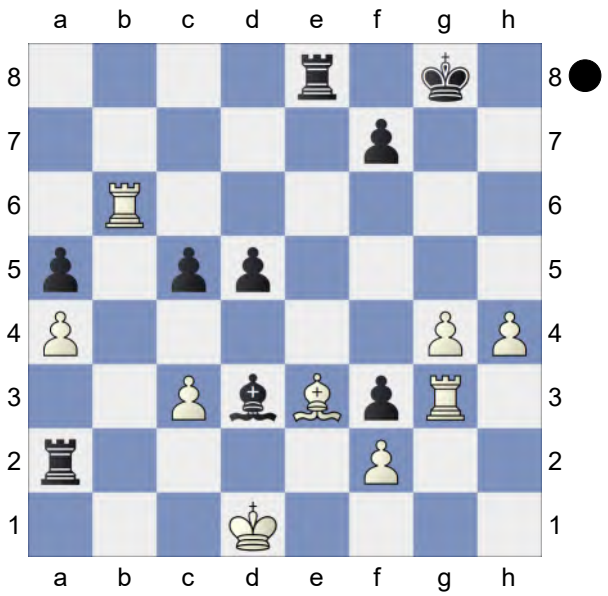


20.Be3 0.29/21 A strong pair of Bishops.
[20.Be2!± 0.90/20]
20...e4= 21.Bxc5? -1.64/22
[21.dxe4± 0.40/22 Bxe4 22.Be2]
21...exf3? 0.68/22
[21...dxc5-+ -1.64/22 22.dxe4 Bxe4]
22.Be3± d5 23.Kd2 Re6 1.21/22
[23...c5± 0.54/21]
24.c3 0.07/25
[Better is 24.Rfe1± 1.21/22]
24...c5= A g a i n s t B d 4 **25.Rae1**
White is weak on the light squares
[25.Bxc5 Re2+ 26.Kd1 Bxd3∓
(26...Rxb2 27.Kc1∓)]
25...Rae8 26.h4
[26.Bxc5 Re2+ 27.Rxe2 Rxe2+
28.Kc1 b6∓ *(28...Bxd3 29.Rd1∓)*]

(Diagram)



And now h5! would win. **26...h6! 27.b4**
[27.Bxc5 Re2+ 28.Rxe2 Rxe2+
29.Kc1 Bxd3]
[27.Rg1 f6]
27...b6 28.bxc5 -0.09/23
[28.h5 0.29/24 is more appropriate.
Bh7 29.Rg1 *(29.bxc5 bxc5 30.Rh1
c4∓)*]
28...bxc5 29.Rg1 a5 0.28/28
[⌓29...c4 -0.19/25]
30.a4
[30.Bxh6? Re2+ 31.Kd1 Bxd3
32.Rxe2 Rxe2-+]
30...Rb8 31.Rb1 Prevents Rb2+
[31.Bxc5!? Rb2+□ 32.Kc1=]
31...Rd8 White is on the road to losing.
32.Bxh6? -6.17/23
[Don't play 32.Bxc5 Re2+ 33.Kc1
Bxd3∓]
[32.Rge1= 0.01/25 Rde8 33.h5
*(33.Bxc5 Re2+ 34.Rxe2 Rxe2+
35.Kd1 Bxd3±)*]
32...Re2+-+ Deflection, Double Attack
33.Kc1 Bxd3 34.Rb6? -11.04/23
[34.Rb2 -3.53/22 d4 35.Rxe2 fxe2
36.Bg5]
34...Rc2+ 35.Kd1 Ra2 36.Rg3 Re8
(-> ...Bc2+) **37.Be3**



Rxe3! Remove Defender, Promotion
38.fxe3 Endgame KRR-KRB **38...f2**
[Inferior is 38...Rxa4 39.Rb8+ *(39.Rxf3 Rxg4 40.Rf4 Rg1+ 41.Kd2 c4±)* 39...Kg7 40.Rxf3 Rxg4 41.Rf4 Rg1+ 42.Kd2±]
39.Rf6 f1Q+ 40.Rxf1 Bxf1 KRB-KR
41.g5 Bd3 42.h5 Rxa4 43.Kd2 Be4
White must now prevent ...Ra2+. **44.c4**
Ra2+ 45.Kc3 Rc2+ -9.64/5
[⌓45...a4 -#3/8 46.Rg2 Rxg2 47.cxd5 Rc2#]
46.Kb3 Black is clearly winning.
46...dxc4+ 47.Ka4 Ra2+ 48.Kb5 c3 (-> ...c2) **49.Rg1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/ Black=0.57
49...c2
0-1

57 **C27**
□ **Nouali,Mohamed** **2157**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2707**
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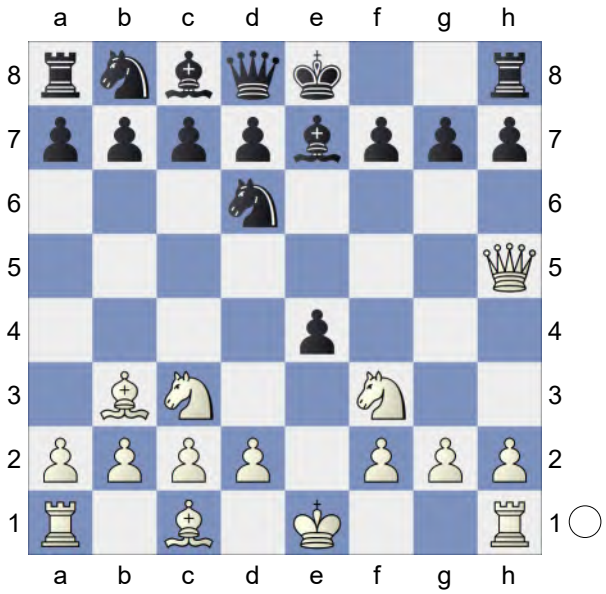
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 e4N 1.75/23
[6...Nc6!= -0.30/21 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3* Slav Defence-4.e3 g6*)* 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5* ½-½ Solution (2380)-9. ♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5_70 (2415) Biel 1983*)* 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]

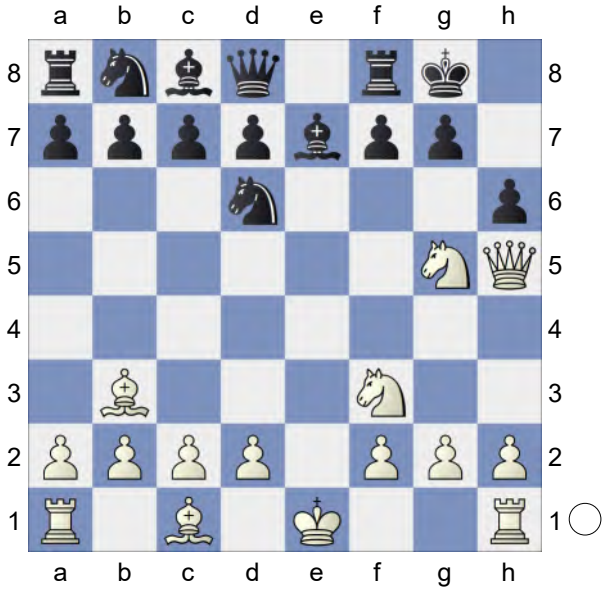


7.Nxe4!+- Deflection **7...0-0**
[7...g6 8.Nxd6+]
8.Neg5 0.05/23

[Only move: 8.Nxd6+- 2.09/23 Bxd6 9.d4]

8...h6? 1.67/24

[8...Bxg5= 0.05/23 and Black is okay. 9.Nxg5 h6]

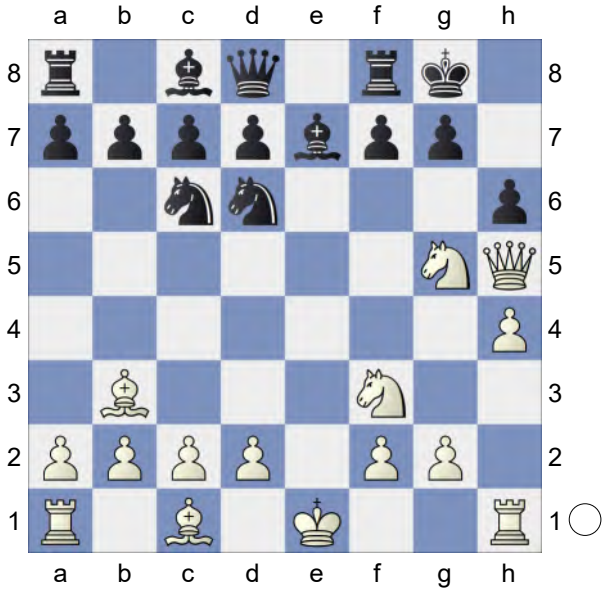


9.h4 0.87/21

[9.d4!+- 1.67/24]

9...Nc6 2.32/23

[9...Qe8± 0.87/21]



10.Qg6! Bxg5 11.hxg5→ Strongly threatening d3. White has strong attack.

11...Re8+ 3.42/23

[⌓11...Nc4 2.27/20 12.Qh5 *(12.Bxc4 d5±)* 12...d5 13.gxh6 g6]

12.Kf1 Ne7? 7.86/21

[12...Nc4 3.11/21 13.Qh5 *(13.Bxc4 d5+-)* 13...d5 14.gxh6 g6]

13.Qh5 White is clearly winning.

13...Nef5 14.gxh6 Nxh6 15.d3 Qf6 16.Bg5

[Weaker is 16.Bxh6 Qxh6 17.Qxh6 gxh6 18.Rxh6 Kg7±]

16...Qf5 17.Qh2 Qg6 18.Qf4

Black is weak on the dark squares

18...Ndf5 19.g4 Qd6 20.gxf5 Qxf4 21.Bxf4 Nxf5 22.Ng5 Nh6 23.Bxc7 b6 24.Bd5 Ba6 25.Bxa8 Rxa8 26.Re1 Rc8 27.Bf4 f6 28.Nf3 Nf5 29.Re2 Bb7 30.Rh3 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Nd4 32.Rfe3 Nxe2 33.Rxe2 Endgame KRB-KR **33...Kf7 34.Ke1 g5 35.Bg3 f5 36.Be5 f4 37.c3 Kg6 38.f3 Kf5 39.d4 Rc6 40.Kd2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.75

40...Rh6 Loss on time!?

0-1

58 **C27**

□ **Letslolgamer** **2665**

■ **Jashari,Ardian** **2175**

Blitz 14.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 g6N 1.12/19

[6...Nc6!= -0.23/21 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(7...0-0 8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8*

15.d3 Slav Defence-4.e3 g6*)* 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bg5 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5* ½-½ Solution (2380)-9. ♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5 70 (2415) Biel 1983*)* 11.Qg3 Bh4 12.Qg4 Ne4 13.Qf4 Bg5 14.Qxc7 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 Nxd2 16.Rfe1 Theory-7.♘e5 ♘e5 Survey 1996]

7.Qxe5± 0-0 8.0-0 White has more active pieces. **8...Bf6** 1.32/20 Against Nd5

[⌓8...Nc6 0.74/20 9.Qf4 Na5]

9.Qf4 Bg7 10.d4 Nc6 11.d5 0.58/21

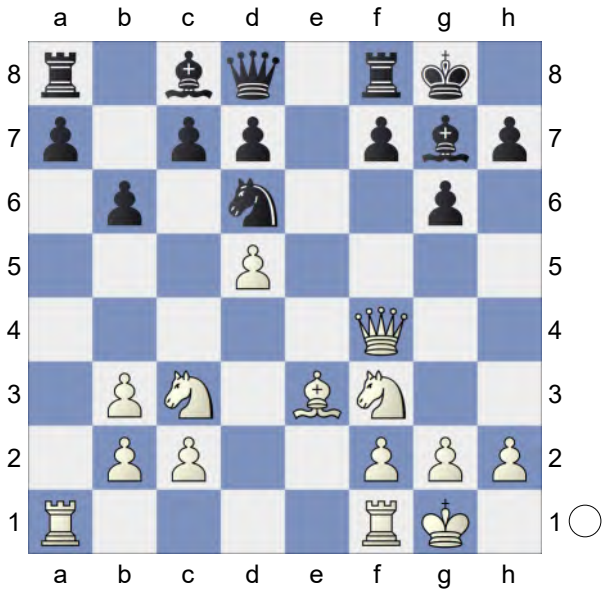
[11.Nd5± 1.24/20]

11...Na5± 12.Be3 0.19/21

[12.Qa4± 0.61/20 Nxb3 13.axb3]

12...Nxb3 13.axb3 b6 1.43/23

[13...Nf5!± 0.32/21]



14.Bd4 0.76/20

[⌓14.Bxb6! 1.43/23 and Bd4 would now be decisive cxb6 15.Qxd6]

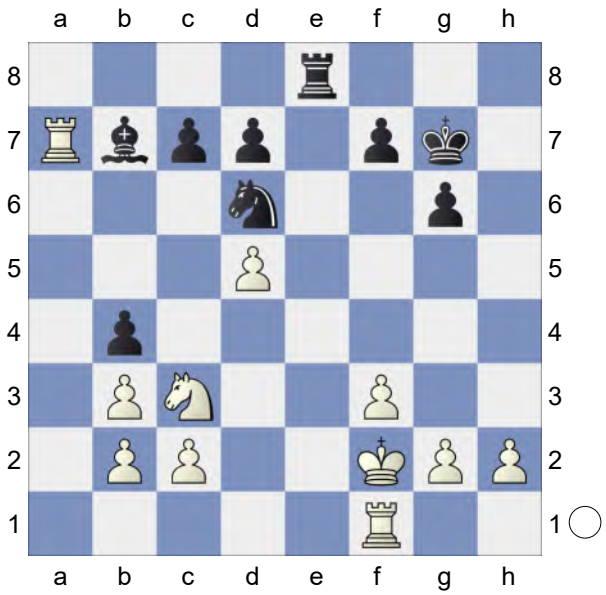
14...Bb7± 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Ng5 0.39/21

[16.Ne5± 0.86/22]

Loses the game. **16...Qf6?** 5.30/22

[Black should try 16...Re8± 0.39/21]

17.Qxf6++- Deflection **17...Kxf6 18.Nxh7+** A dynamic duo of knights. **18...Kg7 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.Rxa7 Re8 21.f3 b5 22.Kf2 b4**



23.Ne4! Bxd5 24.Nxd6 cxd6 25.Rxd7 Endgame KRR-KRB **25...Rc8 26.Rc1 Bxb3 27.Rxd6 Be6 28.Rd4 b3 29.c4 Bf5 30.Rc3 Bc2 31.c5 Kf6 32.c6 Ke5 33.Rd7 Ke6 34.Ke3 f5 35.Kf4 Ra8 36.Rg7 Kf6 37.Rb7 Re8 38.c7** Threatening mate with Rc6+. **38...g5+ 39.Kg3 f4+ 40.Kf2 Bd1 41.c8Q** White mates. **41...Re2+ 42.Kf1 Rxb2 43.Rc6+ Ke5 44.Qe6+ Kd4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.83

45.Rd7#

1-0

59 **C27**
□ **Rasulov,Vugar Ural Oglu** **2899**
■ **Raptis,Nick** **2204**
Chess.com INT blitz (5) 04.02.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Bh4N
[9...Re8 10.0-0 c6 *(10...Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne3 Qa5 13.d4 Qh5 14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Qg6 19.Be3 b6 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5* 0-1 (41) Alekhine,A-Maurer,E Alekhine sim +33-6=4 1942*)* 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 1-0 (41) Etherington,J-Clark,B ACT Reserves 1999 cxd5 25.Bxd5 Bc6 26.Bxc6 bxc6 27.Bc5 a6 28.Re6 Kf7 29.b4 g6 30.Bxe7 Rxe7 31.Rxc6 gxf5 32.gxf5 Rd7 33.Rxa6 Rxd3 34.b5 Rd5 35.Ra7+ Ke8 36.a4 Rd1+ 37.Kf2 h5 38.b6 Rb1 39.a5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
10.0-0 Re8 White is slightly better.
11.Qf4 Re4 0.99/23
[11...Bg5= 0.16/24 12.Qf3 c6]
12.Qf3± c6 13.d3↑ White has strong initiative. **13...Re5** 2.12/23
[13...Re6± 0.97/21]
14.Bf4+- Skewer **14...Rf5 15.Qh3 cxd5?** 3.58/20
[15...Rxf4 2.01/22 was worth a try. 16.Nxf4 a5]
16.Bxd6 Rh5 17.g3 Rh6 18.Bf4
[18.Bxd5? Rxd6 19.Qf5 Bf6-+]
18...Bg5 19.Qg4 Bxf4 20.Qxf4 Rh5 3.43/21
[20...d6 1.89/23 21.Bxd5 Be6]
21.Rfe1? 0.82/21
[21.Qf3+- 3.43/21 g6 22.g4 *(22.Bxd5 Rf5±)*]
21...d6± 22.Re3 White has more active pieces. **22...Be6** 1.23/24
[22...Rf5± 0.69/25 23.Qd4 Be6]
23.Rae1 Rf5 24.Qd4 Qg5? 2.98/24
[24...Qc8± 1.20/20]
25.f4+- Qg4 5.73/22
[25...Qd8 2.63/22 26.g4 Qf6 27.Qxf6 Rxf6]
26.c3 2.36/23
[⌓26.Bxd5 5.73/22 Re8 *(26...Rxd5? 27.Qxd5* D o u b l e A t t a c k *h5 28.Qxb7+-)* 27.Bxb7 *(27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.Qxd6 Rf6+-)*]
26...h5 27.h4 0.99/22
[27.Qb4+- 2.30/22]
27...Qg6 28.Kh2 0.77/21
[28.Bd1 1.28/22]
28...Qf6± 29.Qxf6 Rxf6 30.Bd1 g6 31.Bf3 Rc8 32.d4 b5 33.Kg2 a5 0.98/27
[33...Rb8± 0.61/24]
34.Kf2 b4 1.49/25
[⌓34...Rb8 0.96/25]
35.Rc1 0.62/26
[35.cxb4± 1.49/25 axb4 36.Rb3]
35...Kg7 1.25/24
[Black should play 35...Rb8± 0.62/26]
36.Ke1 Rb8 37.b3 0.54/25
[37.Kd2± 1.00/26]
37...bxc3 0.97/25
[37...Rb5!± 0.54/25 should be considered.]
38.Rcxc3 Rb4 39.Rc6 0.01/25
[39.Kd2± 0.95/25]
39...Bf5= 40.Bxd5 Rxd4 41.Bc4 Bg4 aiming for ...d5. **42.Rd3** -0.57/29

[42.Be2= 0.09/28]
42...Re4+ -0.01/29
[42...Re6+∓ -0.57/29 43.Kd2 Re2+ 44.Kc3 Rxd3+ 45.Kxd3 Rxa2 46.Rxd6 Rg2]
43.Kd2 Re2+ 44.Kc3 -0.54/28
[44.Kc1!= -0.05/27]
44...Rxa2 -0.01/30
[44...Bf5!∓ -0.54/28 45.Rdxd6 Rc2+ 46.Kd4 Rxd6+ 47.Rxd6 Rxa2]
45.Rcxd6 Rxd6 46.Rxd6∓ Endgame KRB-KRB **46...Rg2 47.Rd3 Be2 48.Re3 Bxc4** 1.39/29
[48...Bg4= 0.01/25]
49.bxc4= KR-KR **49...Rg1?** 5.71/24
[49...Ra2± 1.55/25 is more resistant.]
50.c5!+- Rc1+ 51.Kd4 Kf6 52.Kd5 a4 53.c6 Rd1+ 54.Kc5 Rc1+ 55.Kd6 Rd1+ 56.Kc5? -0.01/21
[White must play 56.Kc7+- 6.35/27 Ra1 57.Kd7 Rd1+ 58.Kc7]
56...Rc1+= 57.Kb6 Black must now prevent c7. **57...Rb1+ 58.Ka6 Rc1 59.Kb7** 0.01/24
[59.Kb5+- 5.84/27 Kf5 60.Ra3 *(60.Kxa4? Rxc6 61.Kb5 Rc8∓)*]
59...Rb1+ 60.Kc8 Black is now going downhill. **60...Rc1?** 8.36/25
[60...Rb3= 0.01/25 61.Re2 a3]
61.c7!+- Kf5 62.Kd7 Rd1+ 63.Ke8 Rc1 64.Kd7? -0.01/20
[64.Kxf7 Rxc7+ 65.Ke8 Ra7-+]
[White should try 64.Kd8+- 8.21/26]
64...Rd1+!= 65.Kc6 Rc1+ 66.Kb6 Rb1+ 67.Ka5 Rc1

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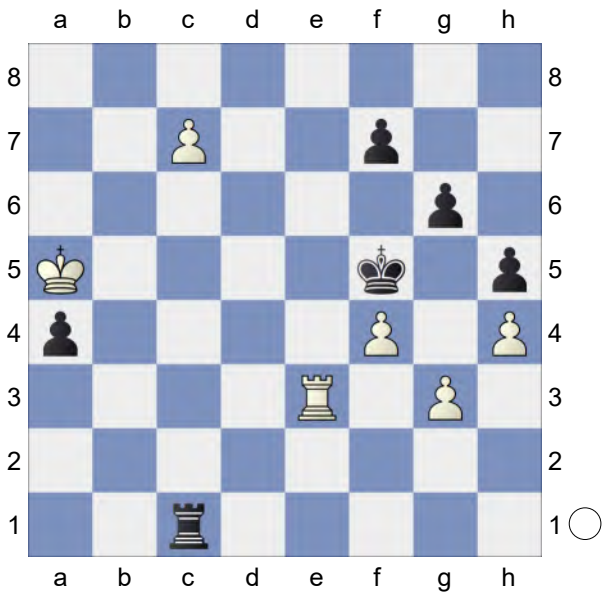
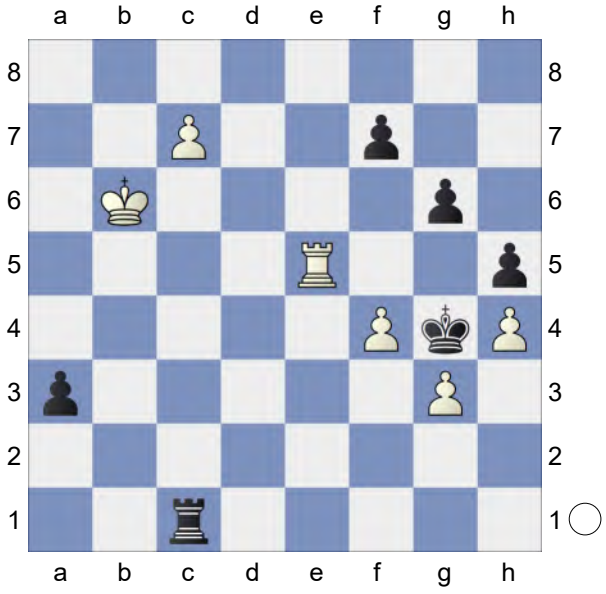


68.Re5+!
[68.Kxa4 Rxc7 69.Kb3 Kg4∓]
68...Kg4 69.Kb6
[69.Kxa4? Rxc7 70.Rg5+ Kh3-+]
69...a3



70.Rc5! Rb1+ 71.Kc6
[Weaker is 71.Ka7 a2 72.c8Q+ *(72.c8R? gets mated. a1Q+)* 72...f5+-]
71...a2 72.c8Q+
[72.c8R a1Q *(72...a1B 73.Rf8±)* 73.Kd7 Rd1+ *(73...Kxg3? 74.Rc3+ Kxh4 75.Ke8-+)* 74.Ke8 Qh8+

(74...Kxg3? 75.Rc3+ Kxh4 76.R8c7-+; 74...Qf6? 75.Rc4-+) 75.Ke7 Re1+ 76.Re5 Rxe5+ *(76...Qxc8? 77.Rxe1 Qc3 78.Re5-+)* 77.fxe5 Qxc8-+]

72...Kxg3 73.Rc3+ Kf2 74.Qh3 Intending Rc2+ and mate. **74...Rc1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.60

75.Qh2+

1-0

60 **C27**

□ **Petersen,Marcel** **2236**

■ **George,Kevin** **2359**

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[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nge2

[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]

7...Nc6N

[7...Ne8 8.0-0 c6 9.d4 d5 10.Qg3 Na6 11.Bd2 Nac7 12.Rae1 Ne6 13.Qd3 g6 14.Nf4 N8g7 15.Nce2 Bd6 16.c4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bf5 18.Qd2 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.b3 Qa5 22.Ng3 ½-½ (46) 9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘b6 (2598)-Mendes Marto, R (2609) Autumn Moscow 1909 (2.3) Bxc4 23.bxc4 Ne6 24.Qh6 Qd8 25.Re4 Qg5 26.Qxg5 Nxg5 27.Re7 Rad8 28.f4 Ne6 29.f5 Nxd4 30.Rxb7 Nxf5 31.Nxf5 gxf5 32.Rxf5 Rd1+ 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Rd8 35.Rxa7 Rd4 36.Re7 Rxc4 37.Re1 ½-½ (46) Safarli,E (2598)-Mamedov,N (2609) AZE-ch Final 75th 2021 (2.3)]

8.Qf4 Bf6 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Be5** 0.56/22

[Black should play 9...Ne7= -0.01/21]

10.Qg4 Na5 0.92/24

[10...Ne8± 0.38/21]

11.d4 Nxb3 1.03/24

[11...Bf6± 0.61/23]

12.axb3 0.54/22

[12.dxe5± 1.03/24 Nxc1 *(12...Nxa1? is the wrong capture. 13.exd6 Qf6 14.Bg5+-* Discovered Attack*)* 13.exd6 *(13.Rfxc1 Ne8±)* 13...Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2]

12...f5 1.14/21

[12...Bf6± 0.54/22]

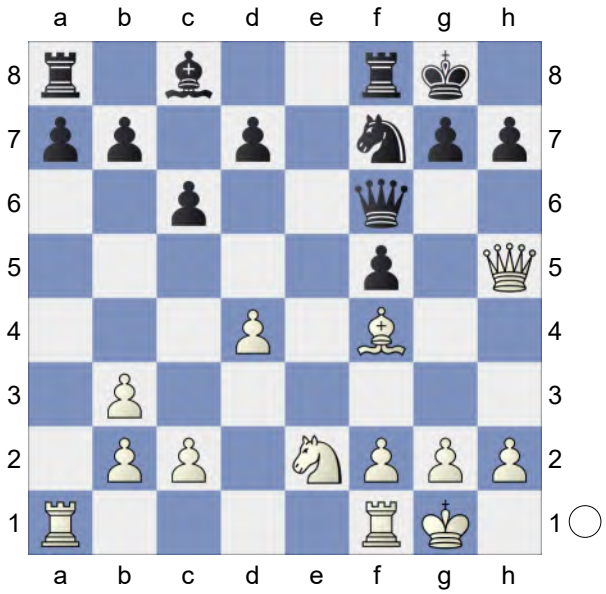
13.Qh5 Bf6 14.Nd5↑ White is really pushing. **14...c6** 1.30/22

[⌓14...b6 0.84/21]

15.Nxf6+± Qxf6 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Bf4** 0.76/20

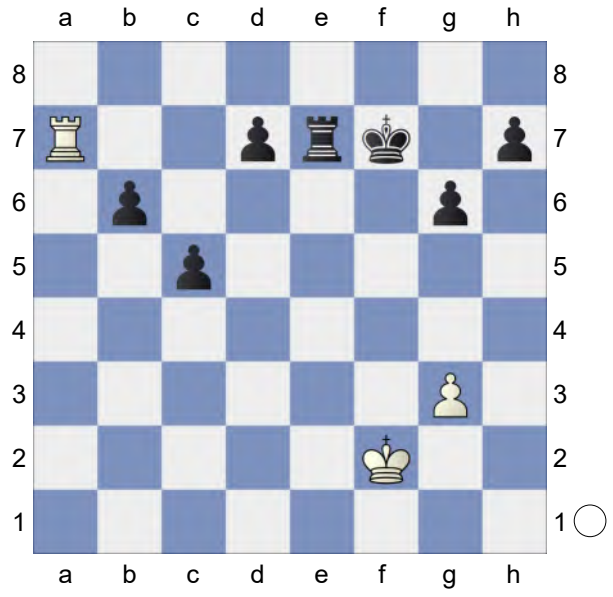
[⌓16.Re1 1.25/21]

16...Nf7



17.d5! g6 1.60/22

[17...b6± 0.69/22]
[17...d6 18.dxc6]
18.Qh3 1.04/20
[⌓18.Qf3 1.60/22]
18...Qxb2? 6.36/21
[18...g5± 1.04/20]
19.d6? 0.59/21
[19.Nc3+- 6.36/21]
19...Qxc2? 2.59/23
[19...Qf6!± 0.59/21]
20.Nd4?? -2.41/22
[20.Rfe1+- 2.59/23]
20...Qe4-+ 21.Qe3 Qxe3 22.fxe3 b6 23.Rae1? -4.84/21
[23.b4 -2.74/20]
23...c5 24.Nb5 Ba6 25.Nc7 Bxf1 26.Nxa8 Rxa8 27.Kxf1 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **27...a5 28.e4 a4 29.bxa4 Rxa4 30.Bg3 Rxe4 31.Ra1 f4 32.Bf2 Nxd6 33.Ra7 Re7 34.g3 fxg3 35.hxg3 Ne4 36.Kg2 Nxf2 37.Kxf2** KR-KR. Black is 4 pawns up. **37...Kf7**



38.Rb7 Ke6 39.Rxb6+ Ke5 40.Ke3 d5 41.Rb8 Kf5+ 42.Kd3 Re4 43.Rd8 Rd4+ 44.Ke3 Kg4 45.Rh8 h5 46.Rg8 g5 47.Rg7 Re4+ 48.Kd3 c4+ 49.Kc3 Re3+
[49...Kxg3 50.Rxg5+ Kf3 *(50...Kh4? 51.Rxd5 Kg4 52.Rd8-+)* 51.Rxh5 Re3+ 52.Kc2]
50.Kd4 Rd3+ 51.Ke5 c3 Threatens to win with ...d4!. **52.Kf6 c2 53.Rxg5+ Kf3** -31.97/20
[⌓53...Kh3 -#19/22 54.Rxh5+ Kg2 55.g4 c1Q *(55...c1B? 56.Rf5-+)* 56.Kg6 Qc6+ 57.Kg7 Qd7+ 58.Kh6 Qe6+ *(58...Qxg4* leads to mate. *59.Rg5* Pin *)* 59.Kg5 Rf3 60.Rh4 Qe5+ 61.Kh6 Rf6+ 62.Kh7 Qe7+ 63.Kh8 Rf8#]
54.Rf5+ Kg2 Black mates. **55.g4 c1Q 56.gxh5 Qh6+ 57.Ke5 Re3+ 58.Kd4 Re4+ 59.Kxd5 Qe6+ 60.Kc5 Rc4+ 61.Kb5 Qc6+ 62.Ka5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.69
62...Ra4#
0-1

61 **C27**
□ **Harshavardhan,GB** **2413**
■ **Goltseva,Ekaterina** **2309**
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[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.0-0 Ne8N
[9...Bf6 10.Qf4 *(10.Qd5 Qe7 11.d3 c6 12.Qh5 Ne8 13.Be3 d5 14.Rae1 Be6 15.Nd1 Nd6 16.Re2 Qd7 17.h3 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Re7 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 h6 21.Qf4 Rae8 22.Ne3 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qxh3 24.f3 Nf5* ½-½ (27) Burk,E-Van der Velden,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1) *)* 10...Bg5 11.Qf3 c6 12.d4 Bxc1 13.Raxc1 Qg5 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Qd3

d5 16.Ne2 Bd7 17.c3 Rae8 18.Bc2 g6 19.Ng3 Nd6 20.Nf1 Bf5 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.b3 0-1 (34) Maierhofer,J (2066)-Sarana,A (2686) PlusCity Grand Prix Blitz 2025 (1)]

[9...Re8 10.d4 b6 11.Qh5 Ba6 12.Bf4 Nc4 13.Ne4 g6 14.Qf3 d5 15.Ng3 c6 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.b3 Ba6 19.Be5 Bg5 20.a4 f5 21.Nh5 gxh5 22.Qg3 Qe7 23.h4 h6 24.f4 1-0 (28) Hernandez,A-Van der Velden,E Banjaluka Banjaluka 23/(126) 1976 (1)]

10.d4 d6 White is slightly better. **11.Qg3 c6 12.d5 Bf5 13.dxc6** White is more active. **13...bxc6 14.Be3** -0.27/21

[14.Qf3± 0.31/21 Bd7 15.Bf4]

14...d5= 15.Rfd1 -0.60/19

[15.Qf3= -0.23/20 Bg6 16.Rfe1]

15...Bd6 0.07/21

[15...Nf6∓ -0.60/19]

16.Bf4 Black should prevent Nxd5!.

16...Bg6? 2.20/22

[16...Qf6= 0.05/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

17.Ne2? 0.06/20

[17.Nxd5!+- 2.20/22 cxd5 18.Rxd5]

17...Nf6 0.71/21 **18.Bxd6± Ne4 19.Qf4 Nxd6** 1.24/24

[Black should play 19...Qxd6 0.77/24 20.c4 Qxf4 21.Nxf4 dxc4 22.Bxc4 Bf5]

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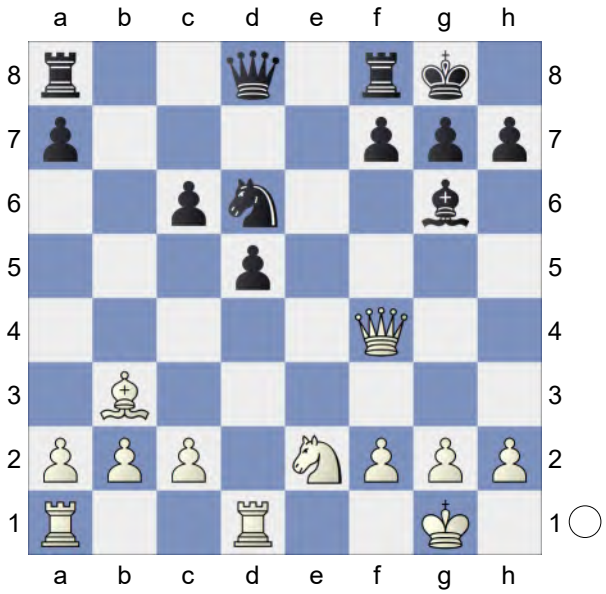
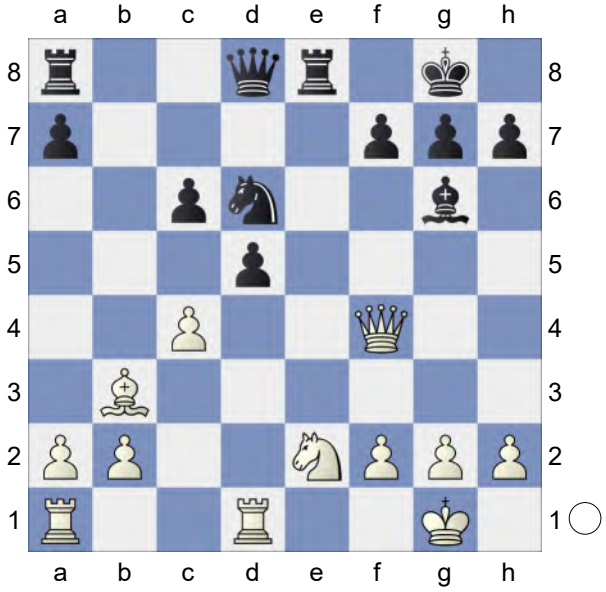


20.c4! Re8



21.Ng3 0.80/23

[White should try 21.Nc3! 1.23/22]

21...Ne4? 4.94/23

[21...h5± 0.80/23]

22.cxd5+- Nxg3 23.hxg3

[Not 23.fxg3 Qb6+ 24.Qf2 Qxf2+ 25.Kxf2 cxd5±]

23...cxd5 24.Rxd5 3.02/23

[⌓24.Bxd5 6.38/24 a5 25.Bc6 *(25.Bxa8 Qxa8 26.Re1 Rc8+-)*]

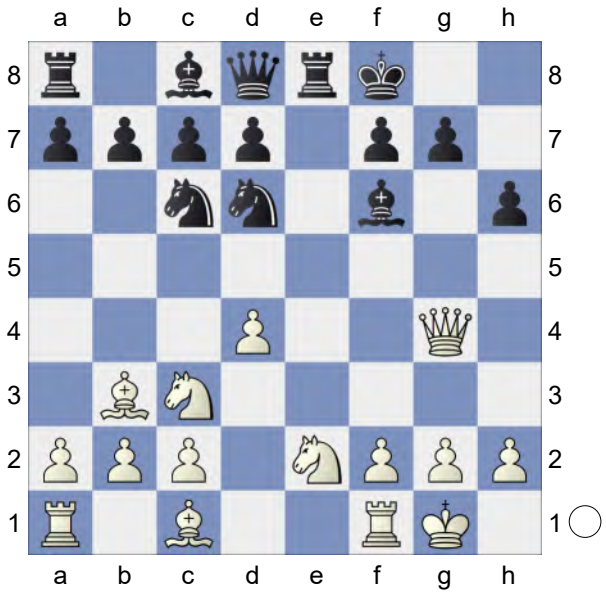
24...Qb6 4.77/24

[24...Qf6 3.02/23 was called for.

25.Qd2 Rad8 26.Rxd8 Rxd8]
25.Rd7 Rf8 26.Re1 Black is weak on the dark squares **26...Rad8 27.Ree7 Rxd7 28.Rxd7 a5 29.Qd6 Qb5** 12.18/24
[29...Qxd6 2.77/25 30.Rxd6 Rc8]
30.Rd8 Re8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=1.05
31.Qe7
1-0

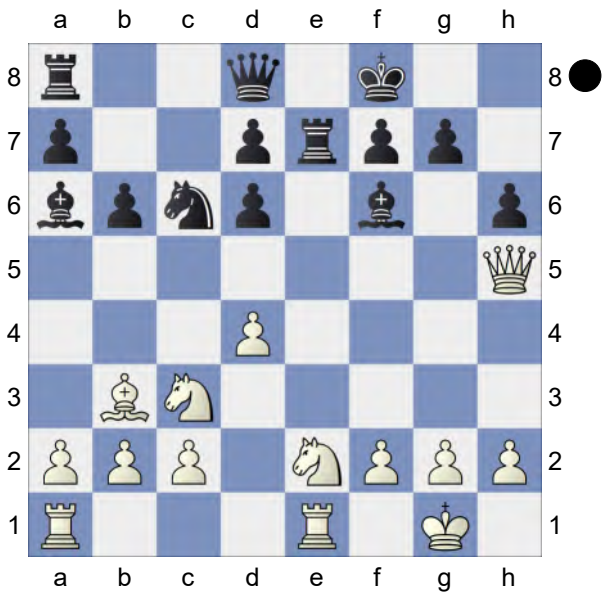
62 **C27**
□ **Azali,Tannaz** **2101**
■ **Bartel,Michal** **2234**
Titled Tue 21. Jan Early (5) 21.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 BCCA Magazine no 14 (Mar 1913) p143, notes Blackburne **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Re8** 0.42/21
[7...Nc6= -0.17/20 8.Qf4 Re8 *(8...Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 d5 13.Ne2 c6 14.0-0 Nc4 15.Ng3 Qf6 16.Be2 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Ned6 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.a4 b6 20.f3 Rfe8 21.Kf2 f6 22.h4 Re6 23.Rfb1* 1-0 (41) Gazi,M (2728)-C 06/30 (2773) New Delhi 1990 (10.3) *)*]
8.Nge2 0.01/19
[8.Qh5± 0.42/21]
8...Bf6 0.65/23
[8...Nc6= 0.01/19 9.Qd5 Bf6]
9.Qf4 Nc6 10.0-0N
[10.Be3 Ne7 *(10...g6 11.g4 g5 12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Ng3 Rf8 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Qf5 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Nef6 Rh8 22.Nh5+ Kh6 23.Qxf7* 1-0 Bolland,W-MacMahon,P BCM tourney prel-04 1908 *)* 11.g4 Ng6 12.Qf3 Nh4 13.Qg3 b5 14.Bd5 Rb8 15.b4 Nc4 16.Ne4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Rxe4 18.Bxe4 d5 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.c3 Bg5 21.Kd2 Bxg4 22.Nf4 Nf3+ 23.Kc2 Qxe3 24.Qxg4 Bxf4 0-1 (29) Jackman,C-King Parks,T BCCA Trophies 1912]
10...h6 0.80/21
[10...b5= 0.29/21]
11.Qg4 Kf8? 2.46/20
[11...Nc4± 0.57/20]



12.Be3 1.46/20
[12.Bf4!+- 2.46/20]
12...b6 1.85/19
[12...Ne7± 1.46/20]
13.Qh5 0.53/22
[13.Ng3+- 1.85/19]
13...Ba6± 14.Bf4 Re7 15.Bxd6 0.21/20
[White should play 15.Rad1± 0.76/21]
15...cxd6= 16.Rfe1 -0.99/24
[16.Nb5= 0.24/23 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



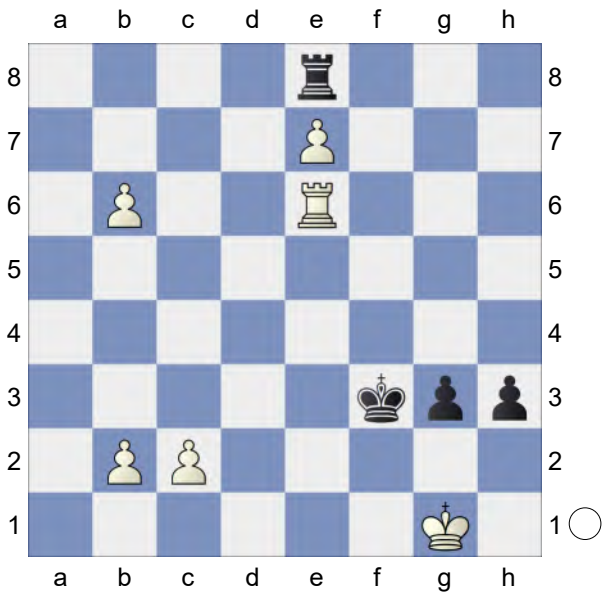
16...Bxe2? 1.14/24
[16...Qe8!∓ -0.99/24 17.Kh1 Nxd4 *(17...Bxd4 18.Ng1∓)*]
17.Rxe2? -0.37/25
[17.Nxe2± 1.14/24 And now c3 would win. Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qd5 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Nxb3 21.Qxd6+ *(21.cxb3 Rc8=; 21.axb3 Kg8±)* 21...Kg8 22.axb3]
17...Nxd4∓ 18.Rxe7 Qxe7 19.Nd5 Qe5 20.Nxf6 -0.62/21
[20.Qd1= -0.25/23]
20...Qxf6 21.Bd5 -2.68/24
[21.c3∓ -0.72/21 was worth a try. Nxb3 22.axb3]
21...Re8→ White is in trouble.
[But not 21...Nxc2 22.Bxa8 Nxa1 23.Qd1 Qxb2 24.Qxd6+ Ke8 25.h4∓]
22.Qd1? -6.12/23
[22.Bc4 -2.59/22 Nxc2 23.Rd1]
22...Ne2+ Black is clearly winning.
23.Kf1 White is weak on the dark squares **23...Qxb2 24.Bf3 Nd4 25.Rb1** -6.97/23
[⌓25.Bg4 -4.63/22 d5 *(25...Nxc2? 26.Qxd6+ Kg8 27.Rd1∓)* 26.Bxd7]
25...Qc3 26.Rb3 Qc4+ 27.Rd3 Nxf3 Deflection
[27...Nxc2 28.Be2 Qc7 *(28...Qxa2 29.Rd2=)* 29.Qd2∓]
28.Qxf3 Qxc2
[28...Qxa2? 29.Qd1-+]
29.g3 Qc1+ 30.Kg2 Qc6 31.Rd5 Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.55
31...Re5
0-1

63 **C27**
□ **Wolverine** **2558**
■ **Flow1960** **2252**
Classical 15.08.2017
[Kitty Kat]

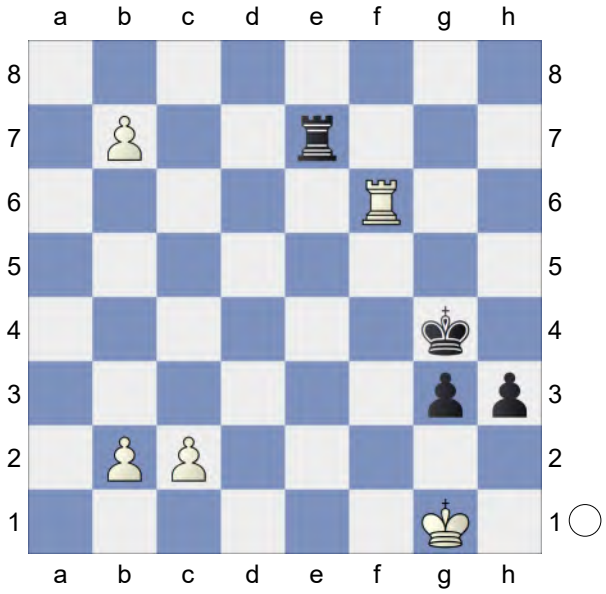
Rapid 15min+15sec C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qf3 0-0 Black has an edge. **10.d3 Nf5** Repels Bh6. Strongly threatening ...Nh4.
11.0-0 Nd4 12.Qf4
[12.Qg3 a5 13.Re1 b5 14.a4 Be6 15.Bh6 Bd6 16.f4 Bxb3 17.cxb3 Nf5 18.Qh3 Nxh6 19.Qxh6 Qf6 20.Rf1 Rfe8 21.f5 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxd3 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Rad1 Qe3 25.Qh4 Qe7 26.Qh3 Qe3 1-0 (41) Bologan,V (2656)-Naiditsch,A (2707) CRO-chT1A 20th 2011 (7.5)]
12...Nxb3N 0.35/22
[Black should play 12...Be6= -0.27/24]
[12...a5 13.Be3 Ne6 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO C4 2000]
13.axb3± Bf5 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd2 Bd6 16.Qf3 h5 17.Rfe1 And now Rxe8+ would win. **17...Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Qd7**

19.Ne4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Rc8? 2.01/22
[20...Bf8± 0.50/21]
21.Bc3+- c5 4.39/23 Repels Qd4
[21...Rf8 1.91/21 22.Qd4 f6 23.Qxa7 Qc8]
22.Qf3 Qf5 23.Qxb7 Rf8 24.Qxa7 Qf4 25.g3 Qf5 26.Qb7 Qxh3 27.Qg2 Qf5 2.47/23
[⌓27...Qxg2+ 1.94/24 28.Kxg2 Kh7]
28.Re3 Kh7 29.Qe4 Qxe4 30.dxe4 1.44/23 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up.
[30.Rxe4+- 1.92/23 Ra8 31.Ra4]
30...f6± 31.f4 0.81/23
[31.Rf3+- 1.61/22]
31...g5 32.fxg5! fxg5 33.e5 Be7 34.Rd3 0.29/25
[White should play 34.Ba5!± 0.85/23]
34...Kg6 0.90/26
[34...Rd8= 0.29/25 keeps the balance.]
35.Rd7 Bd8 36.Ba5 White has more active pieces.
[36.e6 Re8±]
36...Kf5? 4.97/25
[36...Re8± 0.91/22 is a better chance.]
37.Bxc7+- Bxc7 38.Rxc7 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **38...Kg4 39.Rxc5 Kxg3 40.e6 g4 41.Re5?** 0.66/22
[41.Rxh5+- 5.89/24 Rd8 42.Kf1]
41...h4!± 42.e7 Re8 43.Re3+ Kf4 44.Re6 Kg3!
[But not 44...Kf5? 45.Re2+-]
45.b4 h3 46.b5
[46.Kh1!? Kf2□ 47.c4=]
46...Kf3? 8.18/21
[46...h2+± 0.98/23 47.Kh1 Kh3]
47.b6+- White is clearly winning. **47...g3**

(Diagram)



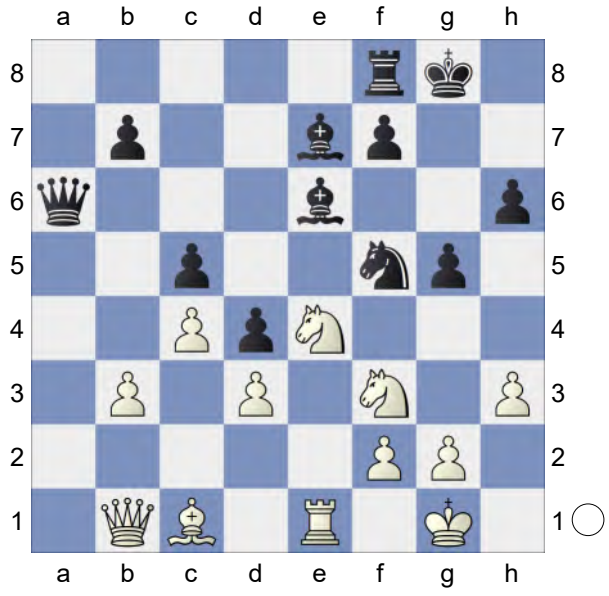
48.Rf6+! Kg4 49.b7 Rxe7



50.Rf4+!! Decoy, Promotion **50...Kxf4 51.b8Q+**
[51.b8R? Re1#]
51...Re5 52.Qd6 Kf5 53.Qd7+ Re6 54.Qd5+ Re5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.54
55.Qf3+
1-0

64 **C27**
□ **Loheac Amoun,Frank** **2570**
■ **Bergsson,S** **2440**
Grohote 149/(38) (4) 1998
[TA]

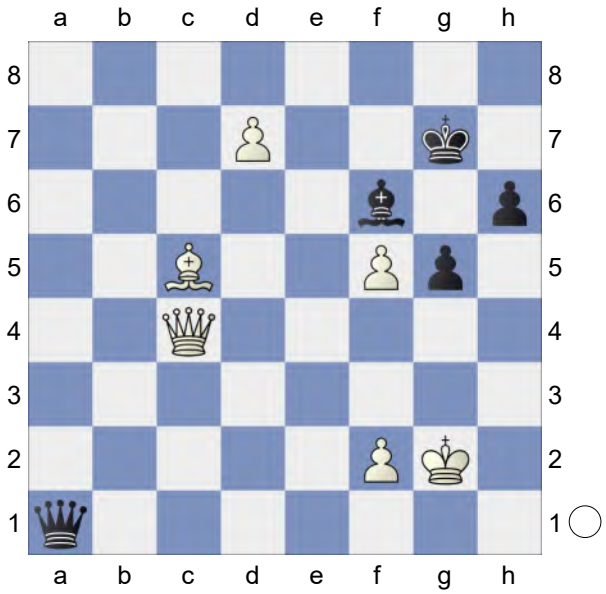
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Qe2 Nd4 9.Qd3 Nxb3
Black is better. **10.axb3 Nf5** -0.14/23
[Black should try 10...c6∓ -0.65/24]
11.0-0 -0.64/23
[11.Nd5= -0.14/23]
11...d6 -0.21/25
[11...c6∓ -0.64/23 is superior.]
12.Nf3= c6 Against Nd5 **13.b4 0-0 14.b5 d5 15.b3 d4 16.Ne4 c5 17.Re1 Be6 18.c4N h6** 0.43/21
[18...Ng7= -0.20/22]
19.Qb1 -0.02/21
[19.Qe2± 0.43/21]
19...Qb6 20.d3 a6 21.bxa6 Rxa6 22.Rxa6 Qxa6 23.h3 g5!



24.b4! cxb4 25.g4 Ng7 26.Nxd4 f5 27.Ng3 Excellent horsemanship.
27...fxg4 28.Nxe6 Nxe6 29.d4! Bf6 30.Qg6+
[30.Qxb4? Nxd4 *(30...Bxd4? 31.Be3-+)* 31.Re4 gxh3-+]
30...Ng7 31.Be3 -0.65/23
[31.Qxh6 Bxd4 32.Qxa6 Bxf2+ *(32...bxa6? 33.Rd1-+)* 33.Kg2 bxa6∓]
[31.Nf5= -0.01/24 Bxd4 32.Nxh6+ Kh8 33.Nf7+ *(33.Qxg5? Bxf2+ 34.Kh1 Bxe1-+)* 33...Kg8 34.Nh6+ *(34.Qxg5? g3-+)*]
31...Bd8 0.06/19
[31...Qxc4 32.hxg4 b3 *(32...Bxd4 33.Nf5±)* 33.Rc1=]
[31...gxh3∓ -0.65/23 32.Nf5 Qxc4 33.Nxh6+ Kh8]
32.Qxa6 bxa6 33.hxg4 a5 34.Rb1⇄ White is not holding back **34...Be7** And now ...a4 would win. **35.c5** Black cannot hold the game after this.
35...Ne6? 4.03/22
[35...Rb8= 0.01/22]
36.Nf5+- Bf6 37.d5!
[37.Nxh6+ Kh7 38.Nf5 Nc7±]
37...Nf4 6.42/21
[37...Ng7 3.66/20 38.Nxh6+ Kh7]
38.d6
[38.Nxh6+ Kh7 39.Bxf4 gxf4±]
38...Ne2+? 6.60/19
[38...Nd5 3.57/20 39.c6 *(39.Nxh6+ Kh7±)* 39...a4]
39.Kg2 Nc3 40.Rb3 2.59/20
[40.Re1 7.29/18 b3 41.d7 *(41.Nxh6+ Kh7+-)*]
40...Nd5? 6.30/21
[40...Kf7 2.59/20 41.d7 *(41.Nxh6+ Ke6∓)* 41...Rb8]
41.c6
[41.Nxh6+ Kh7 42.Nf5 a4=]
41...a4 42.Rd3
[42.Nxh6+ Kh7 43.Rd3 Nxe3+ 44.Rxe3 b3± *(44...Kxh6? 45.c7+-)*]
42...b3 43.Rxd5 b2 44.Rb5 a3 45.c7 and d7! should not be overlooked **45...a2**

46.Rb8! **b1Q** **47.Rxf8+**
Remove Defender
[47.c8Q? Rxc8 *(47...a1B 48.Qxf8+ Kh7 49.Qxh6#; 47...Qxb8 48.Qe6+ Kh7 49.Qxa2=)* 48.Rxc8+ Kf7 49.Rc7+ Kg6-+ *(49...Ke6? 50.Ra7-+)*]
47...Kxf8 **48.c8Q+**
[48.c8B a1Q *(48...a1B? 49.d7-+)* 49.Ng3 Qg1+ 50.Kf3 Qad1+ 51.Ke4 Kf7 *(51...Qxd6* is a self mate. *52.Ba7 Qb1+ 53.Kf3 Qd5+ 54.Ne4 Qbxe4+ 55.Kg3 Qg2#)* 52.Bb7 Qg2+ *(52...Qxg4+ 53.Kd5 Qb1 54.Kc6 Qc4+ 55.Bc5 Qcb5+ 56.Kd5 Q1d3#; 52...Qb1+ 53.Kf3 Qxb7+ 54.Ne4 Qh1+ 55.Ke2 Qb5+ 56.Kd2 Qb2+ 57.Kd3 Qf1#)* 53.Kf5 Qgd5+ 54.Bxd5+ Qxd5#]
48...Kf7 **49.Qc4+**
[Inferior is 49.Nxh6+ Kg6 50.Qg8+ Kxh6 51.Qf8+ Bg7=]
49...Kf8 **50.d7** Intending Bc5+ and mate. **50...Qxf5** **51.gxf5** **a1Q** **52.Bc5+** 8.11/5
[⌓52.Qc8+ #18/26 Kg7 53.d8Q *(53.d8R Bxd8 54.Qxd8 Qa4+-)* 53...Bxd8 54.Qxd8 Qa3 55.Qd5 *(55.Bd4+ Kf7+-)* 55...Qa4 56.Bd4+ Kf8 57.f6 *(57.Qd6+ Ke8 58.Qe6+ Kf8 59.Bc5+ Kg7 60.f6+ Kh8 61.f7 Qa8+ 62.f3 Kg7)*]
52...Kg7

(Diagram)

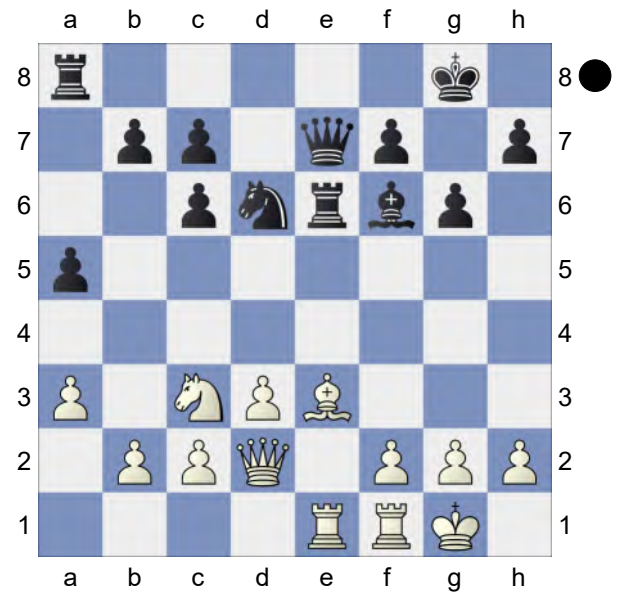


Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=1.13
53.d8Q!
1-0

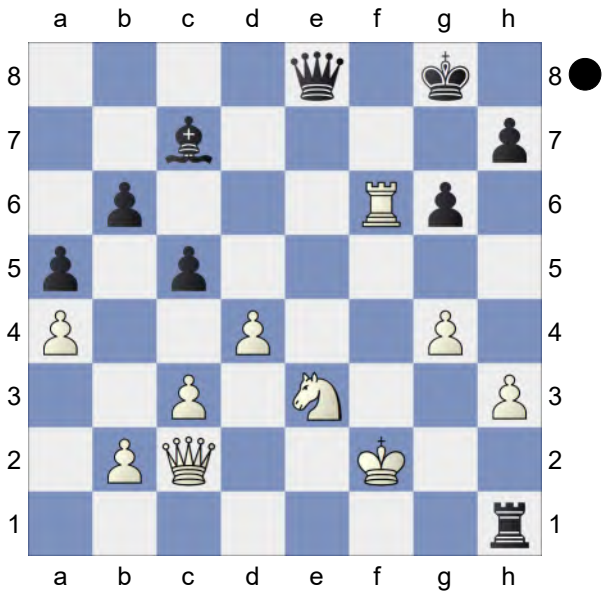
65 **C27**
□ **Larsson,Mats** **2459**
■ **Borst,John** **2056**
corr IECG (1) 13.05.2003
[Kitty Kat]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.Nc3 **Nf6** **2.e4** **e5** **3.Bc4** **Nxe4** **4.Qh5** **Nd6** **5.Bb3** **Be7** **6.Nf3** **Nc6** **7.Nxe5** **g6** **8.Qe2** -0.48/22
[8.Nxc6= -0.09/23 dxc6 9.Qd1]
8...0-0 -0.10/23
[8...Nd4∓ -0.48/22 9.Qg4 Nxb3 10.axb3 Nf5]
9.0-0 **Re8** Black is slightly better.
10.Nxc6 **dxc6** **11.d3** **Bf6** **12.Be3** **a5** Hoping for ...Bxc3. **13.a3** **Be6** **14.Bxe6** **Rxe6** **15.Qd2** **Qe7!** **16.Rae1**

(Diagram)

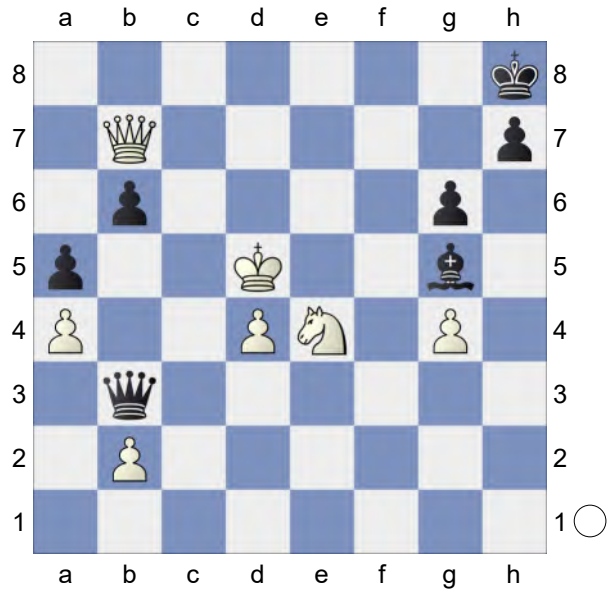


Be5 -0.38/20
[16...Re8!∓ -0.81/22]
17.Nd1 -0.77/22
[17.f3∓ -0.38/20]
17...Nf5∓ 18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 b6 20.g4 -0.94/23
[20.c3∓ -0.52/20 is more appropriate.]
20...Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rd8 22.Rf3 c5 23.Ref1 c4 24.d4 c5 25.c3 Bc7 26.a4 Qd6 -0.40/21
[26...Qd7∓ -1.04/21 27.Qe2 cxd4 *(27...Qxa4 28.Rxf6 Rxf6 29.Rxf6=)* 28.Qxc4 dxe3 29.Rxe3 Rde8]
27.R1f2 -1.09/21
[27.Qg2∓ -0.40/21]
27...Qc6 28.Qc2 Qd5
[28...Kg7 keeps more tension. 29.Rf1 Rf8 30.R1f2 Qd5]
29.h3 Rf8 30.e4 Rxe4
[30...Qxe4?! 31.Ne3∓]
31.Ne3 Qe6 -0.31/23
[31...Qb7∓ -0.88/22 32.d5 Rfe8]
32.Rxf6!∓ Rxf6 33.Rxf6 Qe8
[33...Qxf6?! 34.Qxe4 Bg3 *(34...cxd4 35.Qxd4 Be5 36.Qd5+ Kf8 37.Nxc4±)* 35.Nd1± *(35.Nxc4? Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Qh2#)*]
[33...Rxe3? 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.dxc5+-]
34.Nxc4
[34.Nd5? Re2 35.Rf2 Rxc2-+]
34...Re1+ 35.Kf2 Rh1 36.Ne3



Active counter play! **36...Bg3+!** Decoy
37.Kf3! Bh4
[37...Kg7!? 38.Qg2 *(38.Rxb6? Bc7-+)* 38...cxd4 39.cxd4 Re1 40.Kxg3 *(40.Qxg3? Qxe3+ 41.Kg2 Rg1+ 42.Kh2 Qxg3#; 40.Nd5? Bh4-+)* 40...Rxe3+ *(40...Kxf6? 41.Qf2+ Kg7 42.Qxe1+-; 40...Qxe3+ 41.Qf3=)* 41.Rf3 Re2∓]
38.Qb3+
[38.Rxb6? Rxh3+ 39.Kg2 Rg3+ *(39...Rxe3 40.Qb3+ Kg7 41.Rb7+ Kh6 42.Qd5-+)* 40.Kf1 Rxe3-+ *(40...Qxe3? 41.Qb3+ Kg7 42.Rb7+ Be7 43.Rxe7+ Qxe7 44.Qd5-+)*]
38...Kg7⇄ Black is fighting back **39.Qe6! Qa8+ 40.Qc6 Rxh3+ 41.Ke4 Qd8 42.Re6** Dancing on a razor blade.
[42.Qxb6? Qxf6 *(42...Bxf6? 43.Qxd8 Bxd8 44.dxc5-+)* 43.Qxf6+ Kxf6-+]
[42.Rd6? Qe7+ 43.Re6 Qf7-+]
42...cxd4 43.cxd4 Bg5 44.Qb7+

[44.Qxb6? Rxe3#]
44...Kh8 45.Nc4
[45.Qxb6? Rxe3#]
45...Rg3 46.Nd6 Re3+!
[46...Rxg4+? 47.Kd3 Rg3+ 48.Kc2+-]
47.Kd5 Rxe6 Remove Defender **48.Kxe6=** Endgame White wants to mate with Nf7+. KQB-KQN **48...Qf6+ 49.Kd5 Qf3+** 0.97/24
[49...h5!= 0.26/24]
50.Ne4± Hoping for Qb8+. A mistake that costs the game. **50...Qb3+?** 4.73/26
[50...Qxg4? 51.Qb8+ Kg7 52.Qe5+ Kg8 *(52...Kh6? 53.Qxg5+ Qxg5+ 54.Nxg5+-)* 53.Qxg5+- *(53.Nxg5 Qd7+ 54.Ke4 Qg4+ 55.Ke3 Qg1+ 56.Kd2 Qg2+ 57.Kc3 Qc6+ 58.Kb3 Qc1+-)*]
[50...h5± 1.25/22 is a better chance.]

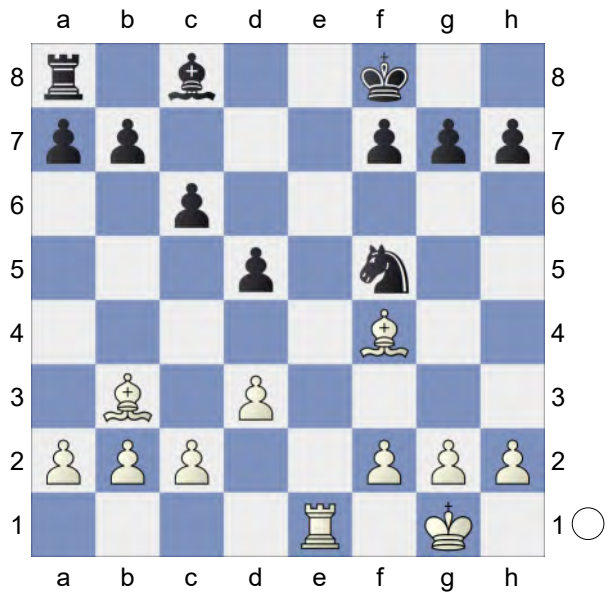


51.Ke5!+- Bh4 7.37/27
[⌓51...Bh6 4.25/25 52.d5 Qf3]
52.Qd5 Qxa4 53.Qf7 Inhibits Qe8+. **53...Qb5+ 54.d5 Qxb2+ 55.Ke6 Qb4** Wards off Qf8+ **56.Nf6 Bxf6 57.Qxf6+ Kg8 58.Qf7+ Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.59
59.g5 Black resigns.; Enddate: 10/7/2003
1-0

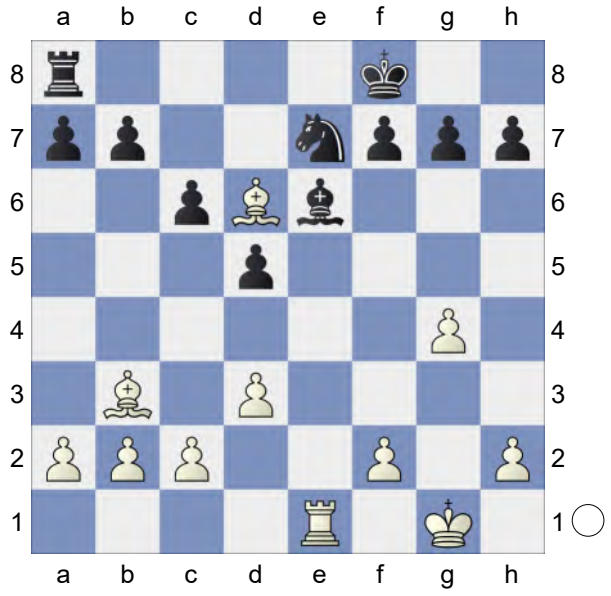
66 **C27**
□ **Etlender,German**
■ **Dadaniak,Tilman**
Niedersachsen-ch U11 (1) 30.03.1996
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 0-0 0.28/21
[⌓7...g6 -0.27/22 8.Nxc6 dxc6]
8.Nd5 -0.50/23
[White should play 8.0-0= 0.28/21]
8...Nxe5 0.38/19
[8...a5∓ -0.50/23 9.c3 a4]
9.Qxe5± Re8 10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...c6N** 0.77/21
[10...Bf8± 0.37/21 11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne3 Qa5 13.d3 Qh5 14.c4 b6 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Bc3 Nc8 17.c5 bxc5 18.Nf5 Nb6 19.Nh6+ Qxh6 20.Bxf7+ Kh8 21.Qxh6 1-0 Moens,A-Hamer,M B-ch corr 1984]
11.Nxe7+± Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Wards off d5 **15...Kf8** 1.68/23
[15...Rf8± 0.76/25]
16.Rxe8++- Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4!↑ White is in control. **18...d5?** 3.81/25
[18...h5± 1.44/24 is a better defense. 19.c4 d5]

(Diagram)



19.g4! Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6

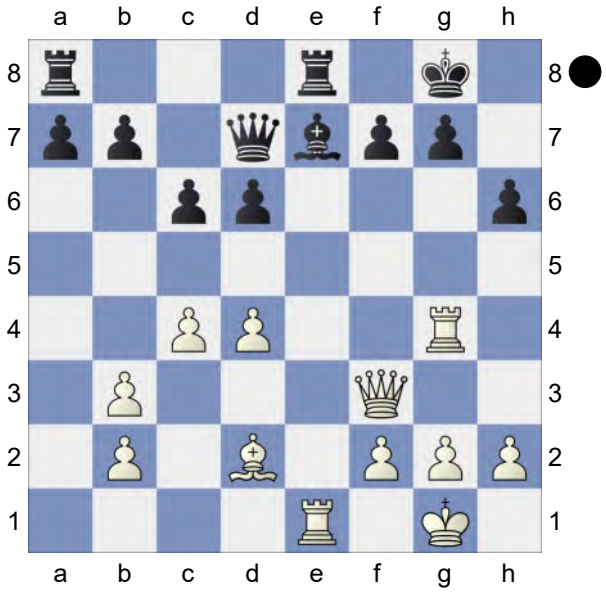


21.f4! Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6? 6.36/24
[23...dxc4 3.92/23 24.dxc4 *(24.Bxc4 a5±)* 24...b6]
24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 Bc6 26.Bxc6 bxc6 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **27.Bc5 a6 28.Re6 Kf7 29.b4 g6 30.Bxe7 Rxe7 31.Rxc6 gxf5 32.gxf5** KR-KR. White is two pawns up.
[Worse is 32.Rxa6 Rb7∓]
32...Rd7 33.Rxa6 Rxd3 34.b5 Rd5 35.Ra7+ Ke8 36.a4
[36.Rxh7 Rxb5 37.h4 Rxf5=]
36...Rd1+ 37.Kf2 Hoping for b6!. **37...h5 38.b6 Rb1 39.a5 Kd8 40.Rf7** Intending b7! and mate. **40...Rb5** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=1.05
41.b7
1-0

67 **C27**
□ **Mariano,Nelson III**
■ **Gurin,Anatoly Sergey**
corr 42/(180) 1995
[TA]

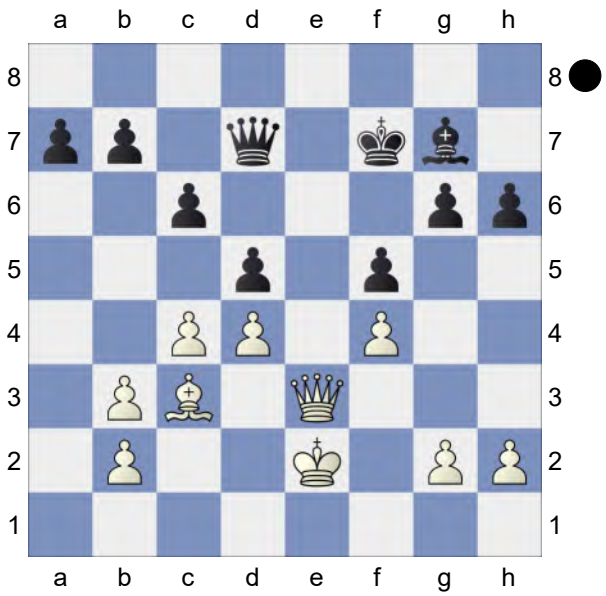
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 0-0 0.12/22
[7...g6 -0.29/23 is more appropriate. 8.Nxc6 dxc6]
8.0-0!= Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3
[9...Bh4 feels hotter. 10.c3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Nf5]
10.axb3 White is slightly better. **10...Ne8 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Ng4** -0.09/22
[12.d3± 0.49/22]
12...Bh4N
[12...c6 13.Ngxf6+ Nxf6 14.Ne7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Qxc8 16.d3 d5 17.Be3 Re8 18.Qf3 a6 ½-½ Tiemann,H-Brilla Banfalvi,S Finjub-20 8184 1981]
13.Re1 d6 14.d4 c6 15.Nf4 Nc7 16.Qf3 Ne6 17.c3 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Be6 19.c4 Re8 20.Bd2 h6 0.05/23
[20...d5∓ -0.35/22]
21.Qf3 -0.37/21
[21.Nxh6+!= 0.05/23 gxh6 22.d5 cxd5 *(22...Bg5 23.Qg3±)* 23.cxd5]
21...Qd7 22.Re4 -0.85/26

[22.h3= -0.15/22 remains equal.]
22...Be7!∓ 23.Rae1 -1.17/24
[⌓23.Nxh6+ -0.80/24 gxh6 24.Qg3+ Kh7 25.d5 cxd5 26.Rh4 Bxh4 27.Qxh4]
23...Bxg4 -0.69/25
[23...Bf5!∓ -1.17/24 24.Rf4 *(24.Rxe7? Rxe7 25.Ne3 Be4-+)* 24...Bg6]
24.Rxg4 -1.09/24
[24.Qxg4∓ -0.69/25 Qxg4 25.Rxg4]



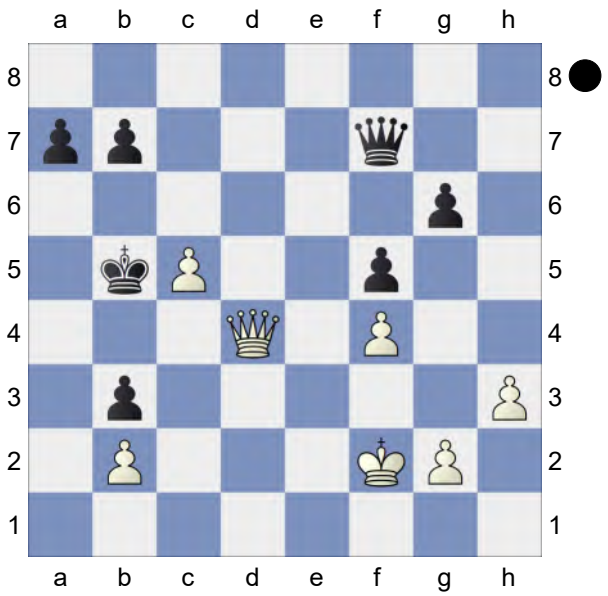
24...Bg5! 25.Bc3
[25.Rxe8+ Rxe8]
25...Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Re8 -0.67/23
[26...d5∓ -1.17/25 27.Bc3 Re8]
27.Re4∓ Rxe4 28.Qxe4∓ Endgame KQB-KQB **28...d5 29.Qd3 f5 30.Kf1 Bf6 31.Bc3 g6 32.Qe3 Bg7 33.Ke2 Kf7 34.f4**

(Diagram)



c5 -0.01/24 **35.Kf2**
[35.dxc5? d4 36.Qf3 dxc3 37.bxc3 Ke8-+]
35...dxc4 36.dxc5 and Bxg7 would now be decisive **36...cxb3 37.Bxg7 Kxg7=** KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **38.Qc3+ Kf8 39.Qf6+ Qf7 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Qxh6 Kd7 42.Qh8** Against Qf6 **42...Kc6 43.Qd4 Kb5** This move loses the game for White. **44.h3?** -1.94/25
[44.Qd3+!= -0.01/23 and White stays safe. Kxc5 45.Qe3+ Kc4 46.Qc3+ Kb5 47.Qe5+ Ka6 48.Kg3]

(Diagram)



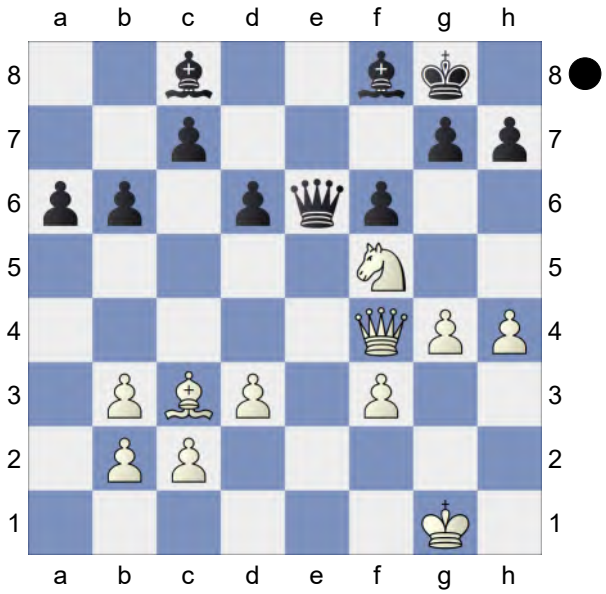
44...a5!-+ 45.g4 -2.90/25
[⌓45.Qd3+ -1.65/25 Kxc5 *(45...Qc4 46.Qd7+ Kxc5 47.Qc7+ Kb4 48.Qxb7+ Qb5 49.Qg7=)* 46.Qc3+ Kb6 47.g4]
45...a4 46.Kf3? -5.93/25
[46.Qd3+ -3.11/21 was called for. Kxc5 47.Qe3+ Kb5 48.Qe5+ Ka6 49.Qd6+ b6 50.Qd3+ Ka5 51.Qc3+ Kb5 52.Qd2]
46...Qe6 47.gxf5 Qxf5 48.h4 Qxc5 49.Qd3+ Ka5 Threatens to win with ... Kb6. **50.Qxg6?** -8.29/23
[50.Qd8+ -3.54/23 Kb5 51.Qd3+ Qc4 52.Qe3]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
50...a3
0-1

68 **C27**
□ **Ford,Clifton P**
■ **Schiller,Eric Andrew**
Berkeley Class Struggle 1994
[Schiller,Eric, TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.Nf3
[7.d4 Nc6 8.Qf4 Na5 9.Bd5 Ne8 10.Bf3 Nc6 11.Nd5 Bd6 12.Qd2 b6 13.Ne2 Nf6 14.Ne3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf8 16.c4 g6 17.b3 Bg7 18.Bb2 Bb7 19.Rae1 d6 20.Nc3 Qd7 21.Ned5 Rxe1 ½-½ (43) Caruana,F (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2723) 125/68 2015]
7...Nc6N
[7...c6 8.d4 Ne8 9.d5 d6 10.Qf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c5 14.b4 h6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd2 f5 18.Qc4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5 20.Bd2 Bd7 21.Ra3 Bf6 22.Rda1 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2715)-Motylev,A (2641) 148/98 Russia 2021]
8.Qf4 Na5 The position is equal.
[8...Ne8 9.Nd5 *(9.d4 Na5 10.d5 c5 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1* Black must now prevent d6!. *d6)* 9...Bd6 Prevents d4 10.Qf5 *(10.Qa4)* 10...Ne7 11.Qg5 c6 12.Ne3 -1.29/21 *(12.Nxe7+!∓* -0.68/22 *Bxe7 13.Qe3)* 12...Nf6 13.d4 -2.22/21 *(13.Ng4∓* -1.17/23 was worth a try. *Ned5 14.0-0)* 13...h6-+ 14.Qh4 Ng6 15.Qh3 Bb4+ 16.c3 d5 17.Nf5 Qe8+ -1.45/21 *(17...Re8+ 18.Kf1 Bd6 19.Bc2 Ne4; 17...Re8+-+* -2.86/22 *18.Kf1 Bd6)* 18.Kd1 Qe4? 0.12/21 (Black should try *18...Ne4-+* -1.62/21 *19.Rf1 Bd6)* 19.Bc2!= Bxf5 20.Qxf5

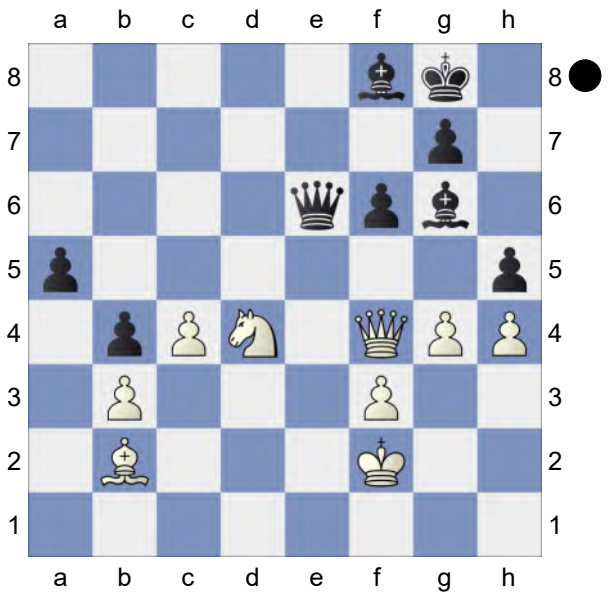
Qxf5 21.Bxf5 Bd6]
9.0-0 Nxb3 10.axb3 b6 11.Nd5
[11.d3 Bb7 12.Re1 Bf6 13.Qg4 Re8 14.Rxe8+ Qxe8 15.Bf4 Qe6]
11...Re8
[11...Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 Qf6 0.95/23 *(13...Qd8 14.d3 Re8; 13...Qd8=* 0.15/24) 14.Qxf6± gxf6 15.Nh4 Prevents Nf5]
12.d3 Bf8 13.Qg4 f6 Against Bg5
14.Bd2 All theory so far. **14...Bb7** An obscure move. **15.Ne3 Qe7!** This was not some secret weapon hidden from readers of my 1991 book on the Von Henig-Schara Gambit. I found it only in 1993 during a routine study session. **16.h4** -0.39/21
[16.Rfe1= 0.01/21]
16...Qe6∓ White should prevent ...Qxg4.
17.Qf4! Here I had planned planned the routine 17...h5, but at the board I discovered something more intriguing...
17...Nf7!? 18.Nf5 Ne5!! 19.N3d4 Qf7 20.f3 -0.75/21
[20.b4= -0.25/20 keeps the balance.]
20...a6 Threatens to win with ...c5.
21.Rae1 -0.90/21 The position is highly unclear. White's extra pawn doesn't mean much, but the attack on the c-file balances the kingside attack. The next move was not easy to find.
[21.b4∓ -0.51/20]
21...d6!? -0.36/23
[21...c5∓ -0.90/21 22.Ne2 a5]
22.Ne2 Nc6 23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Ng3?! Rae8 26.Nf5 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Qe6! 29.Bc3 Bc8 White resigned. **30.g4**

(Diagram)



h5! 31.Kf2 Repels Qe2+ **31...Bd7 32.b4 Be8 33.Bd4 Bg6**
[33...Qd7 simplifies 34.Bc3 d5 35.Ne3 Bf7]
34.c4 c5 35.bxc5 dxc5 36.Bc3 b5 37.b3 b4 38.Bb2 a5 would probably have led to an eventual draw, though the position is not without danger to both sides. **39.d4?** -3.71/22
[39.Qe4∓ -0.83/23 Qxe4 40.fxe4]
39...cxd4 -1.84/26 and there is no way to continue the attack.
[⌓39...a4 -3.71/22 40.d5 Qd7]
40.Nxd4-+

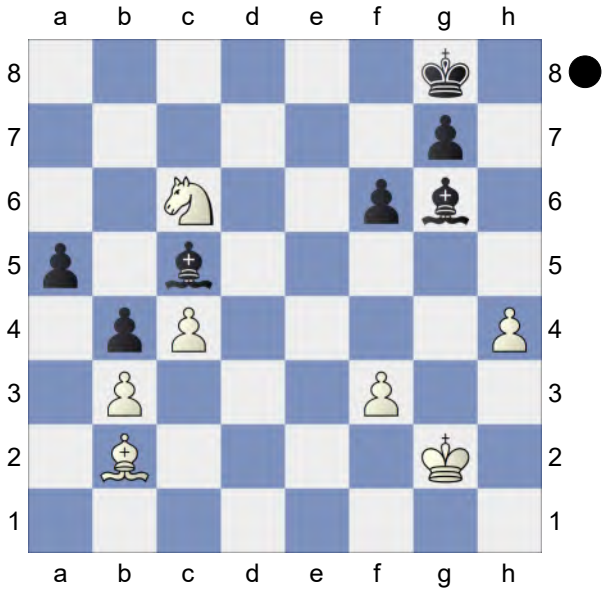
(Diagram)



Bc5! 41.gxh5 Bxh5 A strong pair of Bishops. **42.Kg2** Repels Qh3+ **42...Qe8** -0.54/21

[42...Qe1-+ -2.18/24 43.Qf5 Qd2+ 44.Kh3 Bxd4 45.Qd5+ Bf7 46.Qa8+ Kh7 47.Qe4+ Bg6 48.Qxd4 Qc2]

43.Qf5∓ Qg6+!-+ 44.Qxg6 is usually played. **44...Bxg6∓** Endgame KBB-KBN **45.Nc6**



a4! 46.bxa4 Be8 47.Nd4 Bxa4 48.f4 -0.97/26

[48.Kf1∓ -0.60/25]

48...Bd1 49.Kf2? -5.21/23

[49.Kg3∓ -0.95/26]

49...Bb3-+ Black is clearly winning.

50.Kf3 Bxc4 51.f5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.17 (very precise)

51...Bd5+

0-1

69 **C27**

□ **Kononova,L**

■ **Solovieva,L**

USSR ch-8-women prel 7677 1976

[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0

[6...Nc6 simplifies 7.Nxe5 g6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qd1 Bf5]

7.h4 g6 0.62/23

[7...Nc6= -0.23/22 8.Ng5 h6 9.Qg6 Bxg5 10.hxg5 Qxg5 11.Qxg5 hxg5 12.d3 Vienna 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Intro-3...Nxe4,3 1 e4 e5 ChessPub Guide 2023]

8.Qxe5± Nf5N 1.12/19

[8...Nc6!± 0.39/19 9.Qf4 Na5]

[8...Bf6 9.Qf4 Re8+ 10.Kf1 Bg7 11.d4 Nc6 12.h5 b6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Qh2 Ba6+ 15.Kg1 Nf5 16.Bg5 Qc8 17.Bf6 1-0 Ritov,B-Malevinsky,A URS_308942 1969]

9.Nd5 Re8

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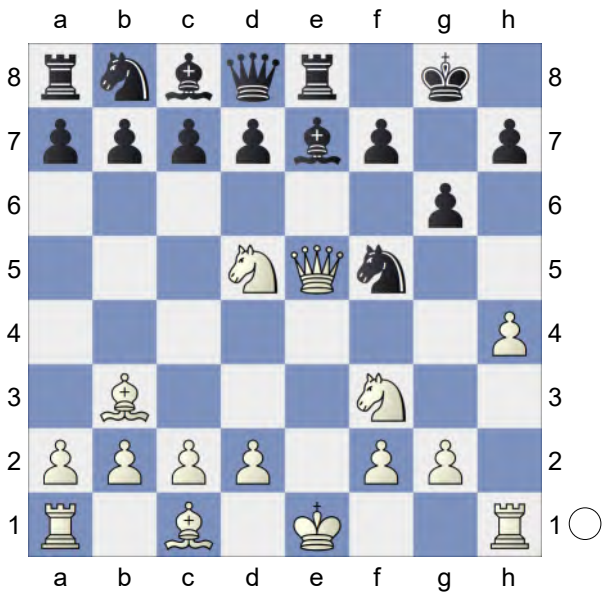
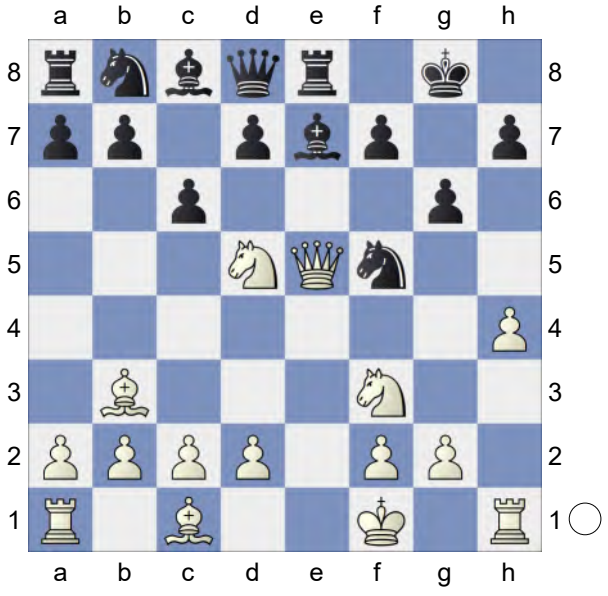


10.Kf1! White is much more active.
[10.Nxc7? Qxc7 11.Qxc7 *(11.Bxf7+? Kxf7 12.Qxc7 Bd6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *13.Kf1 Bxc7-+)* 11...Bd6+ *(11...Bxh4+? 12.Kd1+-)* 12.Kd1 Bxc7-+]
10...c6



11.h5!↑ White is really pushing. **11...d6**
[11...cxd5? 12.hxg6 Bf6 13.gxf7+ *(13.Qxf5 hxg6 14.Qh3 Kf8+-; 13.gxh7+ Kh8+-; 13.Qxd5 Ng3+ 14.fxg3 Re6+-)* 13...Kxf7 14.Qxf5+-]
12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qxe7 Rxe7 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.d3 Be6 2.12/23
[15...Ng7± 1.17/18]
16.Bxe6+- Rxe6 17.g4 Ng7 18.Ng5 Re7 19.Ne4 Ne8 3.65/22 Inhibits Nf6+.
[19...Re6 2.10/22 20.Bf4 Ne8]
20.b3 and Bb2 should not be overlooked
20...Nd7 4.27/20
[20...f5 2.78/22 was worth a try.]
21.Bb2 f6 22.g5 Re6 23.Rh6? 1.53/21
[23.Re1+- 5.16/24 is more deadly.]
23...Kg7 7.01/24
[23...d5± 1.53/21]
White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.76
24.Kg2
1-0

70 **C27**
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Maurer,E**
Alekhine sim +33-6=4 11.02.1942
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Qxe5 0-0 9.Nd5 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 White is slightly better.
[10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
11.Qf4 c6 12.Ne3
[12.Nc7? Re4 *(12...Qxc7? 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7 14.Qxc7+-)* 13.Bxf7+ Nxf7-+]
12...Qa5 13.d4N Prevents Qe5.
[13.d3 Qh5 14.c4 b6 15.Bd2 Bb7

16.Bc3 Nc8 17.c5 bxc5 18.Nf5 Nb6 19.Nh6+ Qxh6 20.Bxf7+ Kh8 21.Qxh6 1-0 Moens,A-Hamer,M B-ch corr 1984]

13...Qh5

[13...b6!?]

14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 0.89/22

[15...Nf6!± 0.44/22]

16.d5± cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 0.04/23

[18.Qg3± 0.98/23 Qg6 19.Re1]

18...Qg6 0.69/24 Prevents Nf6+.

[18...Qxg4= 0.04/23 19.fxg4 b6]

19.Be3± b6 20.Rad1 0.23/23

[20.Qh4± 0.72/23]

20...Bb7 0.64/20

[20...Qxg4!= 0.23/23 21.fxg4 Bb7]

21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 0.96/22

[23...Nc5± 0.40/20]

24.Bxc5± Bxd5 1.33/23

[⌓24...Rxc5 0.85/22 25.Ne3 Rd8]

25.Bxd5 0.77/25

[25.Rxd5 Nxc5 26.Rd6 Rxe1 27.Kxe1 Kf8±]

[⌓25.Bd6 1.33/23 Bxb3 26.axb3]

25...Nxc5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN **27.b4 Ne6 28.Bxe6 dxe6** KR-KR **29.Rd7 Rc8 30.Rxa7 Rxc3 31.Ra8+** 0.37/25

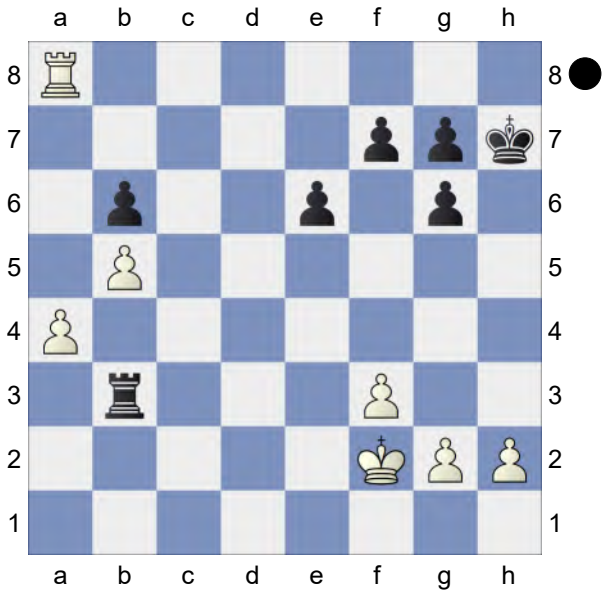
[White should play 31.a4± 1.11/21]

31...Kh7± 32.a4 Rb3 0.96/27

[Better is 32...Rc2+± 0.32/24 33.Kg3 Rb2]

33.b5±

(Diagram)



Hoping for Ra6. **33...g5** 2.24/27

[33...Rb2+± 1.15/26 keeps fighting. 34.Kf1 g5]

34.Ke2? 0.25/23

[34.Ra6+- 2.24/27]

A mistake that costs the game. **34...e5?** 2.84/25

[34...Rb2+= 0.25/23 and Black stays safe. 35.Kf1 Ra2]

35.Kd2+- f6? 5.77/26

[Inferior is 35...Rb2+ 36.Kc3 Rxg2 37.a5=]

[35...f5 2.20/24 is tougher. 36.Kc2 Rb4]

36.Kc2 White is clearly winning.

36...Rb4 37.Kc3 Rd4 38.Ra6 Kg6 39.Rxb6 Rxa4 40.Ra6 Rd4

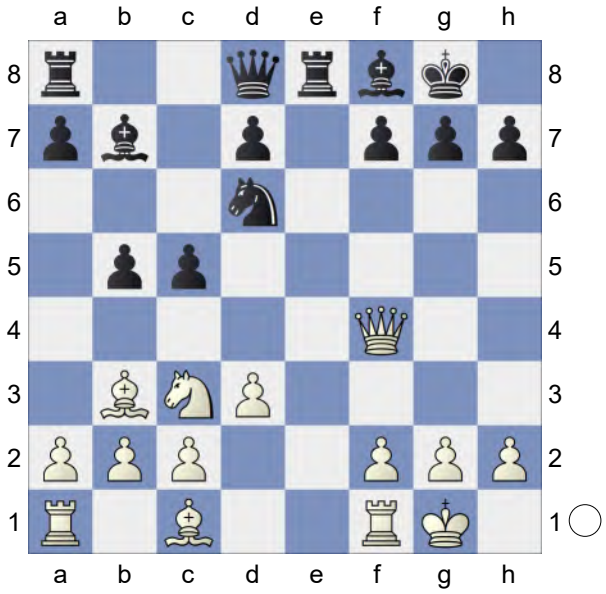
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.51

41.b6 Loss on time!?

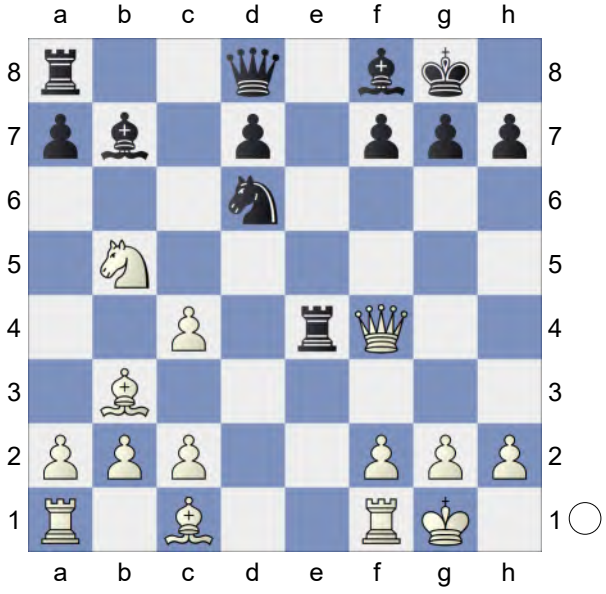
0-1

71 **C27**
□ **Boschmann,Werner**
■ **Vrkoc,David**
corr WC.2004.T.00002 1946
[TA]

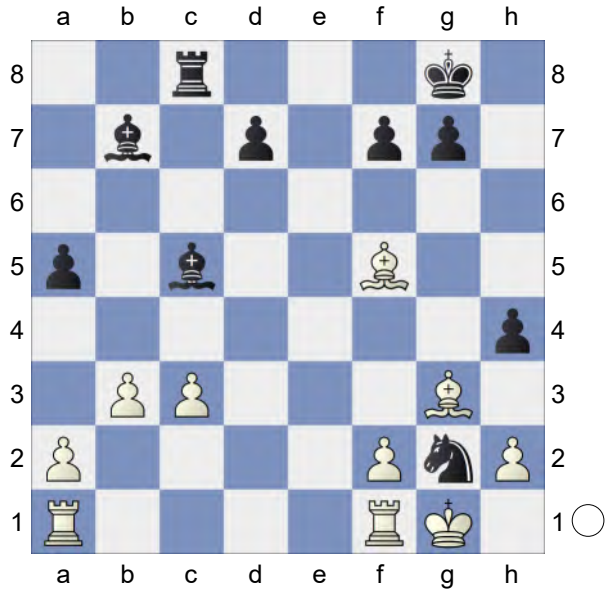
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 0-0 0.11/21
[⌓7...g6 -0.25/21 8.Qe2 0-0]
8.Nd5 -0.76/22
[8.0-0= 0.11/21 keeps the balance.]
8...Nxe5 0.25/20
[8...g6∓ -0.76/22 9.Qe2 Nd4]
9.Qxe5= Re8 10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...Bf8**
[10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
11.Qf4 c5N 1.33/22
[11...c6± 0.36/22 12.Ne3 Qa5 13.d4 Qh5 14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Qg6 19.Be3 b6 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Nxc5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 0-1 (41) Alekhine,A-Maurer,E Alekhine sim +33-6=4 1942]
12.d3!± White is much more active.
12...b5 2.46/24
[12...b6± 1.07/21]
13.Nc3? 0.01/21
[13.Nc7+- 2.46/24]
13...Bb7? 2.26/21
[13...c4!= 0.01/21 and Black stays safe. 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Rb8]



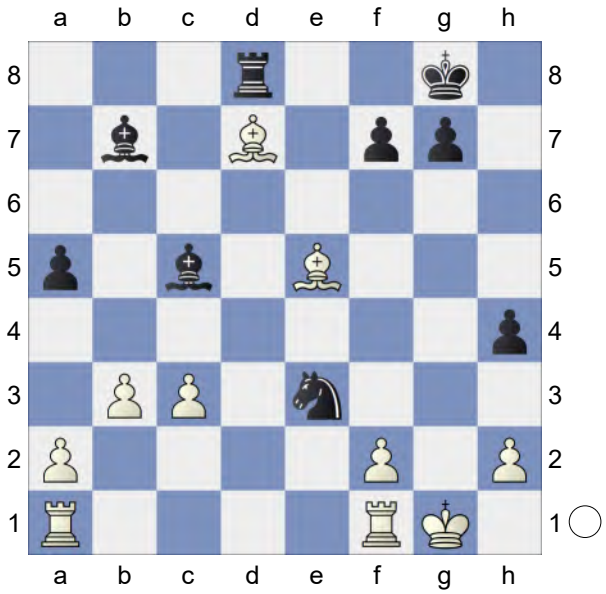
14.Nxb5!+- Deflection, Back Rank
14...c4
[14...g5 15.Qg4 *(15.Qa4 Nxb5 16.Qxb5 Bc6±)* 15...Qf6 *(15...Nxb5? 16.Bxg5+-)* 16.Nc7+- *(16.Qxg5+ Qxg5 17.Bxg5 Nxb5∓; 16.Qxd7 Rad8=; 16.Bxg5 Qg6+-)*]
15.dxc4 0.92/22
[15.Nxd6+- 2.31/23 Bxd6 16.Qxc4 *(16.Qxd6 cxb3 17.axb3 a5+-)*]
15...Re4±



16.Qg3 Nf5 1.95/25
[Better is 16...Re6!± 0.36/20 17.Qd3 Be4]
17.Qc7+- Qxc7 1.79/17
[17...Qc8± 1.32/20 18.Qxc8 Rxc8]
18.Nxc7 Rc8 19.Nd5 a5 20.c3 Bc5 3.69/22
[⌓20...Nh4 2.19/20 21.Ne3 Re5]
21.Bc2 Rxc4 22.Nf4 Nh4 23.Bd3 Ra4 24.b3 Rxf4 25.Bxf4 Nxg2? 4.69/22
[25...Bxg2 2.47/20 might work better. 26.Rfd1 Bc6]
26.Bg3 h5 27.Bf5 2.25/21
[⌓27.b4 4.99/22]
27...h4



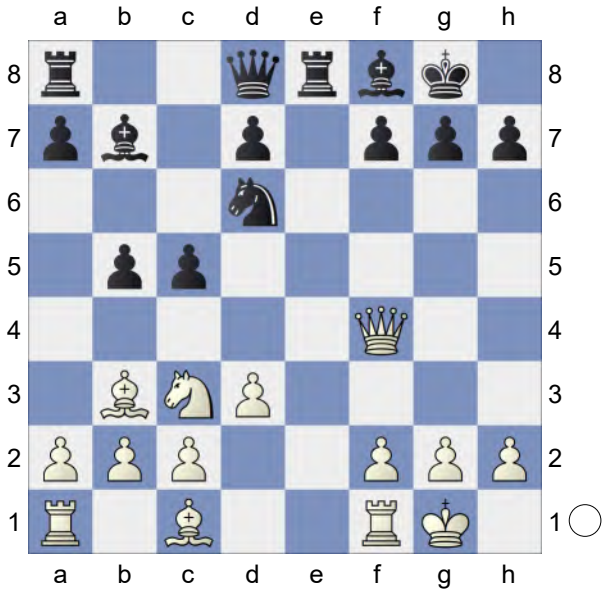
28.Be5 0.29/23
[28.Bxd7 Rd8 29.Bh3 hxg3 30.Bxg2 *(30.hxg3 Rd3∓)* 30...gxf2+ 31.Kh1 Ba6±]
[28.b4!+- 2.35/23 axb4 29.cxb4 hxg3 30.bxc5 gxh2+ 31.Kxh2 Rxc5 32.Rfb1 *(32.Bxd7 Rh5+ 33.Kg3 Rg5+ 34.Kh2 Rh5+ 35.Kg3 Rg5+ 36.Kh2 Rh5+=)* 32...Rxf5 33.Rxb7]
28...Ne3!= 29.Bxd7
[29.fxe3 Bxe3+ 30.Rf2 Rc5-+ *(30...Bxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rc5 32.Re1=)*]
29...Rd8



30.Rfd1 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Bc8 32.Rd5 Rxd7 33.Rxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **33...Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Bb7+ 35.Kh3** and Bd4! would now be decisive **35...f6 36.Bd4 Bf3** ...Rg1 is the strong threat. **37.Rf5**
[37.Rxa5 Rg1 38.Bxf6 *(38.Kxh4? leads to mate. g5+)* 38...gxf6∓]
[37.Kxh4!? Rg1□ 38.Bxf6 *(38.Rxa5? g5+)* 38...gxf6 39.Rf5 Rg4+ 40.Kh3∓]
37...Rd3 38.Be3
[38.Rxa5 g5 39.Be3 *(39.Bxf6 Be2+ 40.f3 Rxf3+ 41.Kg4 Rxf6+ 42.Kxg5 Rf7=)* 39...Kf7 *(39...Rxc3 40.Rf5±)* 40.Bxg5 fxg5 41.Rxg5 Kf6 *(41...Rxc3 42.Kxh4 Kf6 43.Rb5∓)* 42.Kxh4 Rxc3-+]
Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.45
38...Be4 1.44/26
[38...Bd5= 0.29/27 39.Kxh4 a4]
1-0

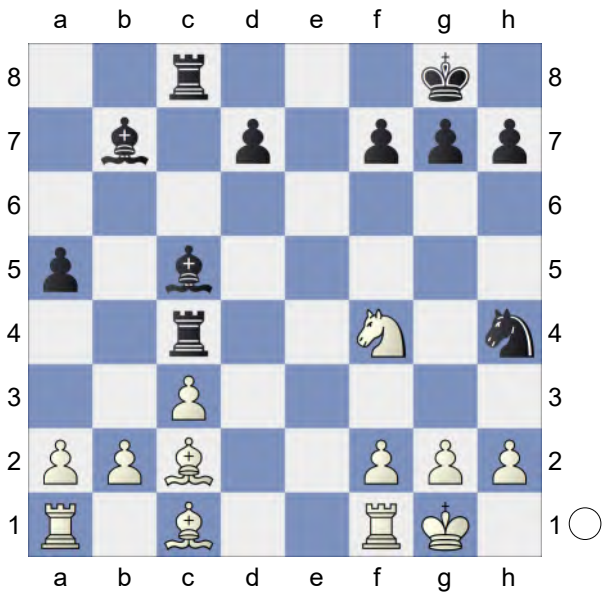
72 **C27**
□ **Purdy,Cecil John Seddon**
■ **Soultanbeieff,Victor Ivanovich**
olm1 qual GP4 B1 corr 1946
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nxe5 0-0
[7...g6 simplifies 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qd1 Bf5]
8.Nd5 -0.61/21
[8.0-0= 0.06/22]
8...Nxe5 0.39/19
[8...g6∓ -0.61/21 9.Qe2 Nd4]
9.Qxe5± Re8 10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...Bf8**
[10...c6 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Qxe7 Rxe7 13.d3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.Rxe8+ Kxe8 17.Re1+ Kf8 18.Bf4 d5 19.g4 Ne7 20.Bd6 Be6 21.f4 Re8 22.f5 Bd7 23.c4 f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (41) Muenster,E-Li,Z 25/626 Bugojno 1978]
11.Qf4 c5N 1.07/21
[11...c6= 0.29/21 remains equal. 12.Ne3 Qa5 13.d4 Qh5 14.c3 Ne4 15.f3 Ng5 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Qg6 19.Be3 b6 20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rfe1 Rac8 23.Kf2 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5 Nxc5 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 0-1 (41) Alekhine,A-Maurer,E Alekhine sim +33-6=4 1942]
12.d3!± White is much more active.
12...b5 2.47/21
[12...b6± 1.25/21 was worth a try.]
13.Nc3? -0.02/22
[13.Nc7!+- 2.47/21]
13...Bb7? 2.08/22
[13...c4= -0.02/22 14.dxc4 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Bb7]

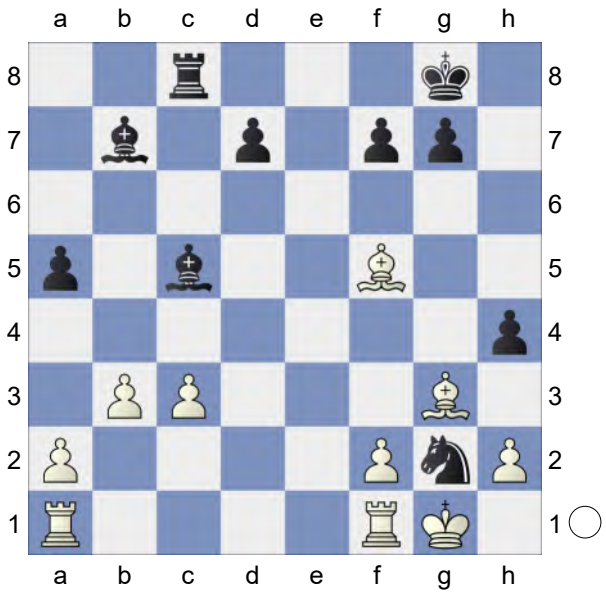


14.Nxb5!+- Deflection, Back Rank
14...c4
[14...g5 15.Qg4 *(15.Qa4 Nxb5 16.Qxb5 Bc6±)* 15...Qf6 *(15...Nxb5? 16.Bxg5 Kh8 17.Bxd8+-)* 16.Nc7+- *(16.Qxg5+? Qxg5 17.Bxg5 Nxb5-+; 16.Qxd7 Red8=* Deflection*; 16.Bxg5 Qg6+-)*]
15.dxc4 0.47/23
[15.Nxd6+- 1.73/22 Bxd6 16.Qxc4 *(16.Qxd6 cxb3 17.axb3 Qc8=)*]
15...Re4± 16.Qg3 Nf5 1.67/22
[16...Re6!= 0.25/21 17.Qd3 a5]
17.Qc7+- Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Rc8 19.Nd5 a5 2.33/20
[19...Bxd5± 1.48/24 20.cxd5 Nd4]
20.c3 Bc5? 3.71/21
[20...Nh4 2.09/19 21.Rb1 Rce8]
21.Bc2 Rxc4 22.Nf4 Nh4

(Diagram)

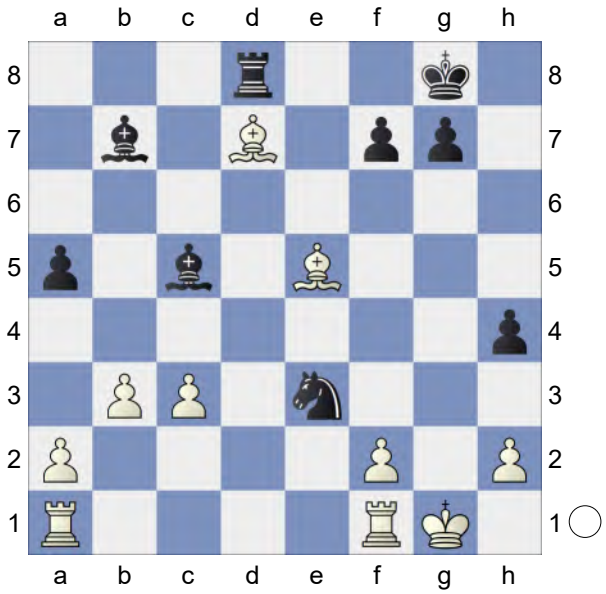


23.Bd3! Ra4 24.b3 Rxf4 25.Bxf4 Nxg2 26.Bg3 h5 27.Bf5 1.99/21
[⌓27.b4 4.93/22]
27...h4



28.Be5 0.39/23
[28.Bxd7 Rd8 29.Rfd1 *(29.Bh3 hxg3 30.Bxg2 gxf2+ 31.Kh1 Ba6±)* 29...hxg3 30.hxg3 Bf3=]
[Only move: 28.b4!+- 2.06/22 hxg3 29.bxc5 gxh2+ 30.Kxh2]
28...Ne3!± 29.Bxd7
[29.fxe3 Bxe3+ 30.Rf2 Rc5-+ *(30...Bxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rc5 32.Bxd7=)*]

29...Rd8

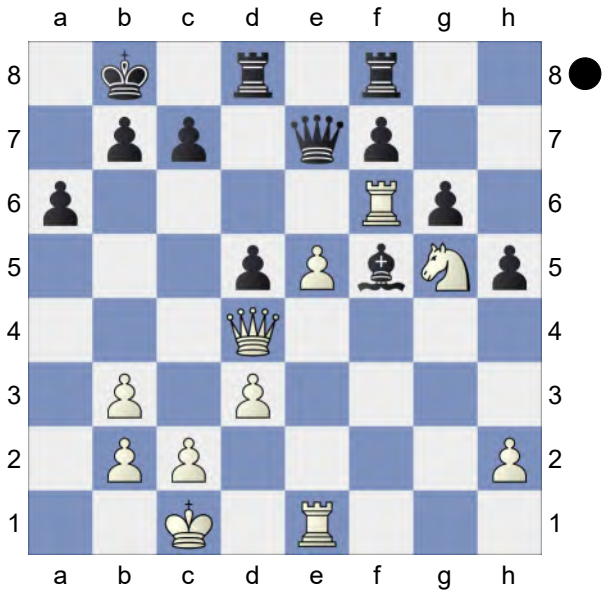


30.Rfd1 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Bc8 32.Rd5 Rxd7 33.Rxc5= Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **33...Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Bb7+ 35.Kh3** Strongly threatening Bd4!. **35...f6 36.Bd4 Bf3** Hoping for ...Rg1. **37.Rf5!**
[Much worse is 37.Rxa5 Rg1 38.Bxf6 *(38.Kxh4? gets mated. g5+)* 38...gxf6∓]
37...Rd3 38.Be3
[38.Rxa5 g5 39.Be3 *(39.Bxf6 Be2+ 40.f3 Rxf3+ 41.Kg4 Rxf6+ 42.Kxg5 Rf3=)* 39...Kf7 *(39...Rxc3 40.Rf5+-)* 40.Bxg5 fxg5 41.Rxg5 Bc6+ *(41...Rxc3 42.Kxh4 Bh1 43.Kg4=)* 42.Kxh4 Rxc3∓]
Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.40
38...Be4 1.63/27
[38...Bd5= 0.30/27 and Black is okay. 39.Kxh4 g5+ 40.Kg3 Kf7]
1-0

73 **C27**
□ **Jaffe Charles**
■ **Alekhine,Alexander**
Karlsbad Karlstad 1911
[TA]

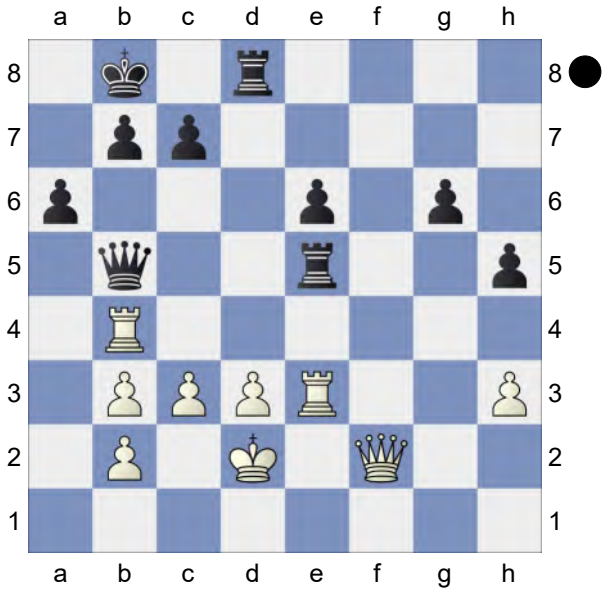
C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6! 7.d3 -0.95/22
[7.Nxe5= -0.16/21 g6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qd1]
7...g6∓ 8.Qh3 Nf5 9.g4 Black is better.
9...Nfd4 10.Bh6 Bf8N -0.55/23
[10...Nxb3!∓ -1.17/20 11.axb3 d6 *(11...f5 12.Bg7 fxg4 13.Qh6 Bf8 14.Bxf8 Rxf8 15.Ng5 Nd4 16.Nxh7 Rg8 17.Nd5 Nxc2+ 18.Kd2 Nxa1 19.Rxa1 c6 20.Nhf6+ Kf7 21.Nxg8 Qxg8 22.Nb6 Rb8 23.Nc4 d6 24.Nxd6+ Ke7 25.Nc4 Bf5 26.Re1* 1-0 (49) Alekhine,A-Levitsky,S Match Alekhine-Levitsky +7-3=0 1913 (8) *)*]
11.Bxf8 Rxf8 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.0-0-0 d6 14.f4 Inhibits Qg5. **14...h5 15.Qe3** Threatens to win with gxh5. **15...Bxg4 16.Rde1 Nxb3+ 17.axb3 Be6** -0.01/20
[17...f6!∓ -0.70/23 18.d4 c6]
18.fxe5= d5 19.Nb5 a6 20.Nd4 Qe7 21.Rhf1 0-0-0 22.Rf6 Bd7 23.Nf3 Kb8 Against Qa7+ **24.Ng5 Bf5 25.Qd4**

(Diagram)

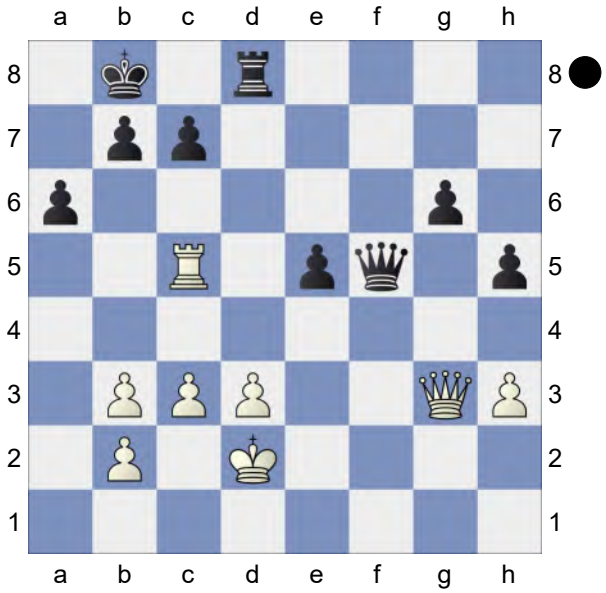


Rd6 0.82/23 **26.Kd2?** -0.86/23
[26.Qb4!± 0.82/23 is necessary to keep the advantage. Re8 27.exd6 Qxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kd2]
26...Rb6∓ 27.Nh7 -1.41/25
[27.Re3!∓ -0.54/21]
27...Rb4! 28.Qxd5 Be6 -0.87/23
[28...Rh4! -1.48/24 (-> ...Qb4+) 29.Nxf8 Qb4+ 30.c3 Rxh2+ 31.Ke3 *(31.Kc1? Qf4+ 32.Kb1 Qd2-+)* 31...Rh3+ 32.Kd2 Qf4+ *(32...Qxf8 33.Rxf7 Qh6+ 34.Kc2±)* 33.Kd1 Bg4+ 34.Re2 *(34.Kc2? Rh2+ 35.Kb1 Qd2-+)* 34...Bxe2+ 35.Kc2 Qg4 *(35...Bxd3+ 36.Qxd3 Rh2+ 37.Kb1±; 35...Rxd3 36.Nd7+ Kc8 37.Qxf7∓* Decoy *)* 36.Qd8+ Ka7 37.Qd4+ b6 *(37...Qxd4? 38.cxd4 Bxd3+ 39.Kc1-+)* 38.Qxg4 Bxd3+ *(38...Bxg4 39.Rxf7 Rh2+ 40.Kb1=)* 39.Kd2 hxg4 40.Rxf7 g3 41.Rxc7+ Kb8]
29.Qf3 Rd8 30.Ng5 Rh4? 1.59/25
[30...Bxb3∓ -1.07/22 and life is bright. 31.Nxf7 *(31.cxb3? Rxb3 32.Kc1 Qc5+ 33.Kb1 Rdxd3-+)* 31...Bd5]
31.Qf2± Qb4+ 3.00/22
[31...Rg4± 1.17/22 32.Nxf7 Re8]

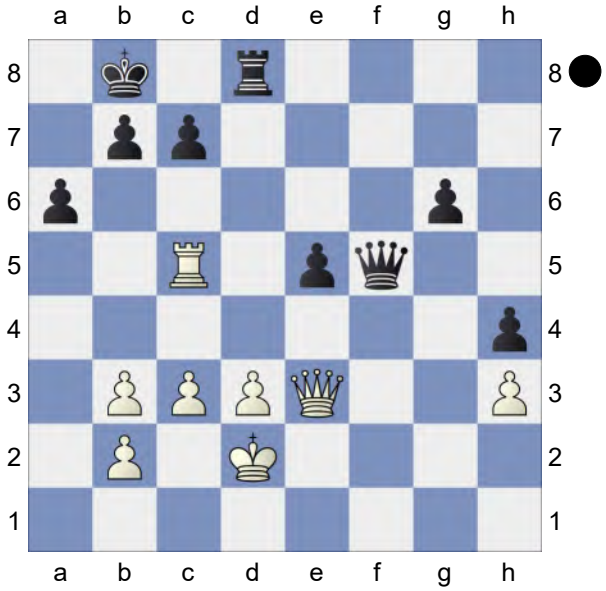
32.c3!+- Qb5 6.06/24
[32...Qg4? 33.Rg1+- *(33.Nxf7 Bxf7 34.Rxf7 Rh3±)*]
[32...Qxb3 2.79/25 33.Qxh4 Qxb2+ 34.Ke3 Qxc3]
33.Re3? -0.01/22
[33.Qxh4 Qxd3+ 34.Kc1 Bxb3 35.Qf2 Qd1+ 36.Rxd1 Rxd1#]
[33.Nxe6+- 6.06/24 Rxh2 34.Qxh2 fxe6 35.Kc1 *(35.Rxe6 Qxb3 36.Qh4 Rg8+-)*]
33...Rg4↑ Black is more active. Some like it hot **34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.h3 Rg5** Black continues to play with concentration. **36.Rf4?** -2.39/27
[36.Kc2= -0.21/20]
36...Rxe5 -1.25/23
[Black should play 36...Qxb3-+ -2.39/27 37.Kc1 Qb5]
37.Rb4? -3.53/24
[37.Rf8∓ -1.25/23 keeps fighting. Rxf8 38.Qxf8+ Ka7 39.Rxe5 Qxe5 40.Qf2+ b6 41.b4]



37...Rxe3!-+ 38.Qxe3 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **38...Qd5 39.Qg3** -5.18/25 Against Qg2+
[⌓39.Rf4 -3.27/23 Qxb3 40.Kc1]
39...Qf5 40.Rc4 e5 41.Rc5 -6.89/23
[⌓41.Ke2 -4.71/25 Qf7 42.b4]



41...h4! (-> ...b6) **42.Qe3**



Rxd3+!! -3.20/25 **43.Qxd3 Qf2+** Skewer, Double Attack **44.Kd1 Qxc5 45.Qxg6** -9.47/24 KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up.
[45.Qd8+ -3.28/22 Ka7 46.Qxh4]
45...Qd5+ 46.Ke2 -8.03/25
[⌓46.Ke1 -5.12/24 Qxb3 *(46...Qh1+ 47.Kf2∓)* 47.Qe8+ Ka7 48.Qxe5]
46...e4 Threatens to win with ...Qd3+.

47.Qh6 Qd3+ 48.Ke1 Qg3+
[48...Qb1+ 49.Ke2∓]
49.Ke2 Qg2+ 50.Ke3 Qf3+
[50...Qxb2 51.Qf8+ Ka7 52.Qc5+ Kb8 53.Qf8+ Ka7 54.Qc5+ Ka8 55.Qf8+ Ka7=]
51.Kd4 Qd3+ 52.Ke5 b6? -1.50/26
[52...Qxh3? 53.Qf8+ Ka7 *(53...Qc8? 54.Qxc8+ Kxc8 55.Kxe4-+)* 54.Qc5+ Kb8 55.Qf8+ Qc8 56.Qxc8+ Kxc8 57.Kxe4∓]
[52...Ka7-+ -8.16/26 and Black stays clearly on top. 53.Qf8 Qf3 *(53...Qxh3 54.Qc5+ Kb8 55.Qf8+ Ka7 56.Qc5+ Kb8 57.Qf8+ Ka7=)*]
53.Qh7? -9.18/25
[53.Qf8+∓ -1.50/26 Ka7 54.Qf7]
53...Qxh3 54.Qxe4 Qh2+ 55.Kf5 h3
[55...Qxb2 56.Qxh4 Qxb3 *(56...Qxc3? 57.b4-+)* 57.c4-+]
56.Qe8+ Ka7 57.Qc6 Qg3
[57...Qxb2 58.Qxc7+ Ka8 59.Qd8+ Ka7 60.Qe7+ Ka8 61.Qe8+ Ka7 62.Qf7+ Kb8 63.Qe8+ Kc7 64.Qe7+ Kb8 65.Qd8+ Kb7 66.Qd5+ Kb8 67.Qd6+ Kb7 68.Qd5+ Kc7 69.Qe5+ Kc8 70.Qe6+ Kc7 71.Qf7+ Kb8 72.Qe8+ Kc7 73.Qe5+ Kd7 74.Qg7+ Kd8 75.Qf6+ Kc7 76.Qf7+ Kc8 77.Qf8+ Kb7 78.Qe7+ Kb8 79.Qf8+ Kb7 80.Qe7+ Kc6 81.Qe8+ Kc7=]
58.c4 h2
[58...Qxb3 59.Qxc7+ Ka8 60.Qc8+ Ka7 61.Qc7+ Ka8 62.Qc8+ Ka7 63.Qc7+=]
59.c5 b5 (-> ...Qh3+)
[59...Qxb3 60.Qxc7+ Ka8 61.Qc8+ Ka7 62.Qd7+ *(62.Qc7+ Ka8=)* 62...Kb8 63.Qd8+ Kb7 64.Qd7+ Kb8 65.Qd8+ Kb7 66.Qd7+ Kb8=]
60.Kf6 Qh4+ Black mates.
[60...Qxb3 61.Qxc7+ Ka8 62.Qc6+ *(62.Qc8+ Ka7=)* 62...Kb8 63.Qd6+ Ka8 64.Qc6+ *(64.Qxa6+ Kb8=)* 64...Ka7 65.Qc7+ Ka8 66.Qd8+ Kb7 67.Qb6+ Kc8 68.Qc6+ Kd8 69.Qd6+ Kc8 70.Qxa6+ Kd8 71.Qd6+ Kc8 72.Qa6+ Kc7 73.Qb6+ *(73.Qd6+ Kc8=)* 73...Kd7 74.Qb7+ Kd8 75.Qb8+ Kd7 76.Qd6+ Kc8 77.Qc6+ Kd8 78.Qd6+ Kc8=]
61.Ke5 h1Q
[And not 61...h1R 62.Qxc7+ Ka8 63.Qc8+ Ka7 64.Qc7+ Ka8 65.Qc8+ Ka7 66.Qc7+=]
62.Qxc7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/ Black=0.63
62...Qb7
0-1

74 **C27**
□ **Bolland,W E**
■ **Parnell,Victor A L D**
BCM tourney prel-04 1908
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 Blackburne, BCCA Magazine no 14: 'BCCA Magazine no 14 (Mar 1913) p143, notes Blackburne' **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Qxe5 0-0 7.d4 Re8 8.Nge2 Bf6** The position is equal. **9.Qf4 Nc6 10.Be3 Ne7**
[10...g6 11.g4 g5 12.Qf3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.0-0-0 Bf6 15.Rxd6 cxd6 16.Ng3 Rf8 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Ne4 Be5 19.Qf5 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 Kg7 21.Nef6 Rh8 22.Nh5+ Kh6 23.Qxf7 1-0 Bolland,W-MacMahon,P BCM tourney prel-04 1908]
11.g3N -0.81/21
[11.Qf3= 0.26/20]
[11.g4 Ng6 12.Qf3 Nh4 13.Qg3 b5

14.Bd5 Rb8 15.b4 Nc4 16.Ne4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Rxe4 18.Bxe4 d5 19.Bd3 Qe7 20.c3 Bg5 21.Kd2 Bxg4 22.Nf4 Nf3+ 23.Kc2 Qxe3 24.Qxg4 Bxf4 25.Rad1 Qf2+ 0-1 (29) Jackman,C-King Parks,T BCCA Trophies 1912 26.Kb1 Nd2+ 27.Ka1 a5 28.Qf5 g6 29.Qxd5 Qe3 0-1 Kg Declined Iii-Kolpakov,V Moscow sim 1970]

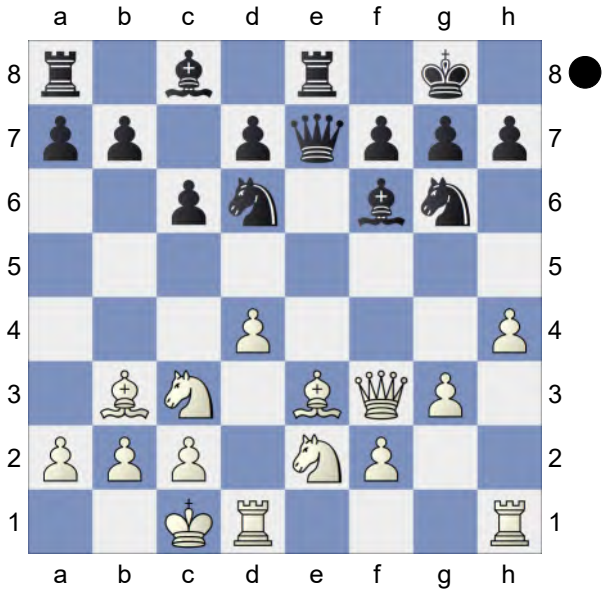
11...Ng6 0.32/22

[11...b5∓ -0.81/21 aiming for ...Bb7. 12.d5 Nef5]

12.Qf3± White wants to play h4. **12...c6 13.h4 Qe7** 1.22/24

[Black should play 13...b5± 0.40/22]

14.0-0-0±



b5 15.Rhe1 0.33/21 White is much more active.

[15.h5± 1.43/21 Nf8 16.h6]

15...Qd8? 2.72/21

[15...a5!± 0.33/21]

16.Kb1 1.20/20

[16.h5+- 2.72/21]

16...Nc4 2.39/23

[16...a5± 1.20/20]

17.Nxb5 Ba6? 4.23/23

[17...Nxe3 1.67/22 18.fxe3 d5]

18.Bxc4+- Bxb5 19.Bxb5 cxb5 20.Nc3 Re6 21.h5

[21.Nxb5 Rb8+-]

21...Nf8 22.Nd5

[Less strong is 22.Nxb5 Rb8+-]

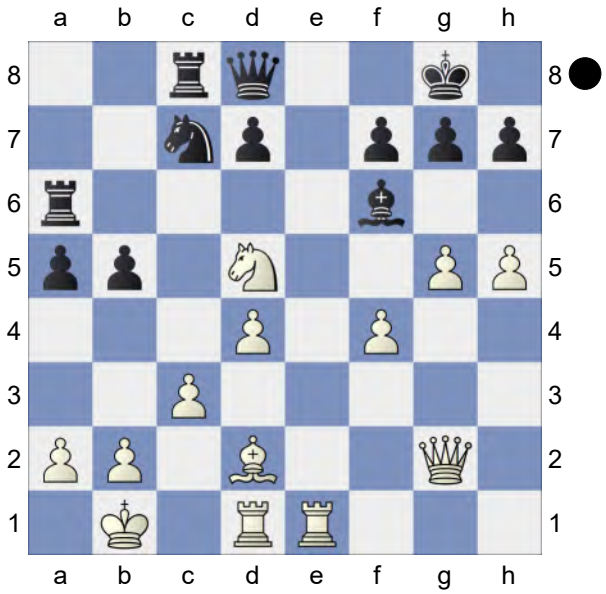
22...Rc8 23.Qg2 2.78/19

[⌓23.h6 4.67/19]

23...Rec6? 4.50/22

[23...h6 2.78/19 is a better defense. 24.Nxf6+ Rxf6]

24.Bd2 a5 Black is weak on the dark squares **25.c3 Ra6 26.f4** Black must now prevent g4. **26...Ne6 27.g4 Nc7 28.g5**



Trapped Piece **28...Nxd5 29.Qxd5 Be7 30.Re5 Rb8 31.Rde1 Re6 32.f5 Rxe5 33.Qxe5 Bf8 34.g6 f6 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.Qf7** h6! would kill now. **36...Bd6 37.h6 Qg8 38.Qxd7 Bf8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=1.04

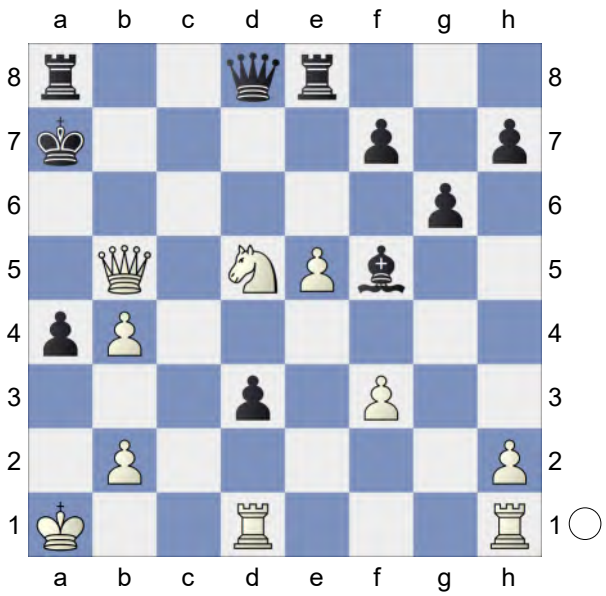
39.Rh1

1-0

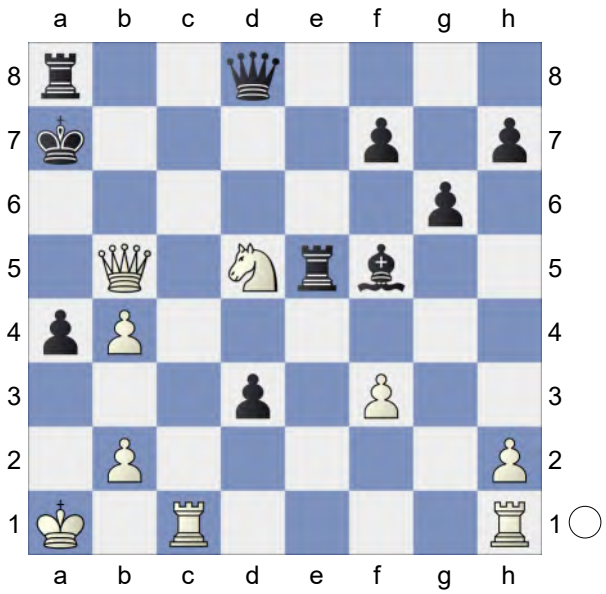
75 **C27**
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Rozanov,Vasily I**
Moscow Training (4 players) 1908
[TA]

C27: Vienna Game: 2...Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxe4 4.Qh5 Nd6 5.Bb3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nc6! 7.d3N -1.16/21
[7.Nxe5= -0.18/22 remains equal.
A) 7...0-0 8.Nd5 *(8.0-0 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxb3 10.axb3 Ne8 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.Nc6 dxc6 13.Nxe7+ Kh8 14.Nxc8 Qxc8 15.d3* Slav Defence-4.e3 g6 *)* 8...Nxe5 9.Qxe5 Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.Qf4 c6 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.d4 Qf5 14.d5 b6 15.dxc6 dxc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Qxf5 S-S Solution (2380)-9. ♘a3 dc3 10. ♕e2 ♗f5 70 (2415) Biel 1983;
B) 7...g6 8.Qe2]
7...g6∓ 8.Qh3 Nf5 Hoping for ...h5. **9.g4** Black is better. **9...Nfd4 10.Bh6 Bf8** -0.31/24
[10...Nxb3!∓ -1.22/20 11.axb3 d6]
11.Bxf8∓ Rxf8 12.0-0-0 Nxf3 -0.02/19
[12...Nxb3+∓ -0.40/23 deserves consideration. 13.axb3 d6]
13.Qxf3 Nd4 14.Qe3 Nxb3+ 1.27/24
[14...d6= 0.01/21]
15.axb3± d6 16.d4! Bxg4? 3.13/26
[16...c6± 0.92/20]
17.f3? 0.61/23
[White has to play 17.dxe5!+- 3.13/26 Bxd1 18.exd6+ Kd7 19.dxc7 Qxc7 *(19...Kxc7 20.Qc5+ Kd7 21.Rxd1+ Ke6 22.Re1+ Kd7 23.Nd5+-)* 20.Rxd1+ Kc8 21.Nd5]
17...Be6± 18.dxe5 d5 19.Ne4 White has compensation. Black is weak on the dark squares **19...Kd7 20.c4 c6 21.Nf6+**
[21.Qc5 Qe7 22.Nf6+ Kd8 23.Qa5+]
21...Kc8
[21...Kc7 seems wilder. 22.h4 Rh8 23.h5 b6]
22.Qc5↑ White has some pressure.
22...Kb8 23.Kb1 Bf5+ 1.57/24
[23...Rh8± 0.51/24]
24.Ka1 1.09/23
[⌓24.Ka2 1.57/24]
24...b5± 25.Qb4 0.77/23 Prevents Qa5+. White has more active pieces.
[⌓25.Qa3! 1.41/24]
25...a5 1.58/25
[Black should play 25...c5 0.77/23 26.Qxb5+ *(26.Qxc5 Qa5+ 27.Qa3 Qxa3+ 28.bxa3 dxc4∓)* 26...Qb6]
26.Qc5 a4 1.82/27
[26...bxc4± 1.31/24 27.bxc4 *(27.Nxh7 Re8=)* 27...Ra7]
27.b4+-
[27.cxd5? axb3+-+]
27...bxc4 28.Qxc6 0.48/23
[28.Nxd5!+- 1.93/26 Kb7 *(28...cxd5 29.Rxd5 Bd7 30.Qd6+ Kb7 31.Rhd1±)* 29.Ne3]
28...d4 1.81/23
[28...Qc7!± 0.48/23 29.Qb5+ *(29.Qxd5 Ra6=)* 29...Qb7 30.Rxd5 Qxb5 31.Rxb5+ Ka7]
29.Qxc4 and Qb5+ would now be decisive **29...d3?** 4.51/25
[29...Ra7 1.75/21]
30.Qb5+ Ka7 31.Nd5 Inhibits Qb6.
[And not 31.Nxh7 Rh8∓]
[31.Qxa4+? Kb7-+]
31...Re8? 8.57/24
[31...Rc8 3.58/23 32.Qxa4+ Kb7 33.Qb5+ Ka7]

(Diagram)



32.Rc1! Intending Rc6 and mate.
[32.Qxa4+? loses. Kb7 33.Nc3 Rxa4+-+]
32...Rxe5



33.Rc6!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.95
33...Bc8
[33...Re6 34.Rhc1]
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